

CLATSOP COUNTY HISTORICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

January 19, 1970

The January meeting of the Historical Advisory Committee to the County of Clatsop was held in the office of the Board of County Commissioners, Court House, Astoria, at 7:00 P. M., with the Vice Chairman, George Fulton, presiding.

Present were: Ned Thorndike, Jack Sutfin, Russell Bristow, Dorothy Wootton, Kenneth Neff, Arthur Dampsie, George Fulton, Chuck Miles, Travis Tyrrell, Bill Foster, Eli McConkey, Carl Labiske, and Helen Griffith.

Also present for the meeting was Mrs. Ruth Fisher, a guest of Eli McConkey.

Dorothy Wootton and Eli McConkey brought along some refreshments to add to our usual cup of coffee.

Because of the lack of time to absorb the minutes of the November, 1969 meeting, George Fulton passed over the minutes and will bring them up for approval at the February, 1970 meeting.

There was no meeting held in December, since the Christmas holidays and our meeting night were so close together.

Mr. Fulton stated that a letter had been received from Dick Thompson of the Granite Works. Mr. Thompson said he would like to meet with a committee from the Historical Advisory Committee and arrive at a suitable inscription for the monument. Dorothy Wootton, Bill Foster, and George Fulton were appointed to this committee.

Mr. Fulton brought up the matter of the marker for the Astoria Fire. It will be necessary to change the present inscription to say: "On December 8, 1922, a fire started at approximately this location, destroying the majority of the business district of this city". The members of the Advisory Committee concurred.

Russell Bristow stated that the signs for the Westport Tunnel are ready at Wuonala's Sign Shop. Will take care of this matter with Jack Sutfin.

Black Bridge. This matter of the black bridge was brought up, and is to be brought to Hiram Johnson's attention. The Committee would like to know what has been done regarding obtaining markers for this bridge.



George Fulton said he could not find the spruce trees that had been set out at Warren home in Warrenton. Clarence Sigurdson has reported to Helen Griffith that he had checked the area and found the trees to be gone, but that the area should be approximately the spot where Herb Palmberg has his equipment.

Mr. Fulton questioned the actions taken on the placement of the sign at the Astoria Pioneer Cemetery. The carving done on the entrance sign was the work of Mr. Larson of Bumble Bee.

It was moved by Carl Labiske and seconded by Eli McConkey that we contact the City Manager, asking them (the city ) to put a sign on the intersection of 15th and Coxcomb Drive, designating the direction to the Pioneer Cemetery entrance. Motion carried.

Mr. Fulton directed the secretary to write a letter to the Chamber of Commerce to suggest that they add to the next publishing of Historic Astoria pamphlet, in the block of 14th, 15th, Madison, and Niagara streets, the Astoria Pioneer Cemetery.

Eli McConkey and Chuck Miles reported on the Cannon Beach Christmas party held at the old Bills Hotel. Eli McConkey and Ruth Fisher attended the party and said there was a good turnout. Mr. McConkey reported there were 47 in attendance. They had group singing and then toured the Bills Hotel. They also sang Christmas carols, which were led by Dallas McKinnon. Chuck Miles said their historical group had a meeting a week ago Friday night, with about 20 people in attendance. They, the Cannon Beach committee, formed a committee to meet this month before the first Friday of February, which is the next meeting of the Cannon Beach group, to work on getting a constitution and set of officers. Mr. Miles said that plans are being made for Pioneer Days, with possibly a three or four day hike from Seaside to Cannon Beach. The Cannon Beach people would like to get the entire county interested, with a pioneer dinner, square dances, and different acts. They are looking for fiddlers, callers, etc. Should anyone have any suggestions in this regard, please let Chuck Miles know about it.



The tree at Clifton was brought up for discussion. Ned Thorndike stated that it is completely covered with blackberries.

At this point the meeting recessed for a matter of ten or fifteen minutes.

Upon reconvening, Chuck Miles brought up the subject of the Bills Hotel. Mrs. McNeil, of the Conference Grounds at Cannon Beach, is back East for a few months; however, Mr. Miles said he is in touch with her.

Arthur Dempsie brought up the matter of money to be raised to pay for the marker on the Japanese shelling of the Coast. Mr. Dempsie stated that Loren Kuske is the State Commander, and being a member of Clatsop Post, perhaps would be interested in seeing that this work is done in his year as Commander. Bill Foster and George Fulton will see Vern Leach and also Loren Kuske, to see what could be done to hurry along the raising of the money, since the stone is here and being prepared. Ned Thorndike stated that the area is all cleaned up and cleared out, ready for the erection of the stone. It was thought that they might try to get this accomplished before the Legion Convention in Portland this coming summer.

Russell Bristow says if he can get some free time, he will get busy on Clifton again. Mr. Bristow says Mr. Cellars stated, if we want to memorialize this area, he would like to have the post office included.

Bill Foster mentioned that Mr. Huffsmith, Sr., a partner of Jim Lovell's in the old Astoria Foundry, had visited with Mr. Foster. Among other things, he told about how he and Jim Lovell would go downtown for a pail of beer for Mr. Huffsmith's father. Mr. Huffsmith said they didn't mind doing this because he and Mr. Lovell knew they would get the free lunch. Mr. Huffsmith also mentioned that some of the castings made there were quite phenomenal, stating that you have to know your materials. Bill Foster told many interesting facts on the ships and patterns that came out of the foundry. Mr. Foster said that he was told by Mr. Lovell that there are five different grades of sand used in working over these patterns. Yellow sand, from near the old Cornelius place, was hauled in to the Foundry by Eli McConkey for Sherman Transfer.



Arthur Dempsie reminisced on events that occurred at the old Opera House in Astoria. Mr. Dempsie could remember having attended a meeting in 1915-16 where the speaker was Mayor Rolfe of San Francisco. At that time, Mr. Dempsie recalls Mr. Rolfe saying, "You people right here in this location should be particularly proud. You are living in the only part of the United States that has been only under one flag.

Dorothy Wootton mentioned that we are allowing a lot of history to go by. We should tape record a lot of these discussions in order that facts of interest in our history might be recorded.

Dorothy Wootton will check with Tom Vaughan on the possibility of running down the facts with reference to the United States flag here.

Chuck Miles said that John Catlin is doing research in the Cannon Beach area. He has done a lot to assist in local history. It was suggested that Mr. Miles ask Mr. Catlin to attend a meeting; however, Mr. Catlin is a little hesitant in appearing before such a group as the advisory committee.

Ned Thorndike brought up the matter of the painting of the old Fort Astoria marker. It was thought by those present that the city department did the work, and Mr. Thorndike thought the Kiwanis Club had backed it. This will need to be checked.

There being no further business, at this time, the meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

*Helen C. Griffith*  
(Mrs.) Helen C. Griffith, Secretary



CLATSOP COUNTY HISTORICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

February 16, 1970

The February meeting of the Historical Advisory Committee to the County of Clatsop was held in the office of the Board of County Commissioners, Court House, Astoria, at 7:00 P. M., with the Vice Chairman, George Fulton, presiding.

Present were: George Fulton, Carl Labiske, Ned Thorndike, Bill Foster, Clarence Sigurdson, Trygve Duoos, Dorothy Wootton, Arthur Dempsie, Kenneth Neff, Travis Tyrrell, Jack Sutfin, Chuck Miles, and Helen Griffith.

The minutes for November, 1969 and January, 1970 were accepted as presented.

The row of spruce trees that had been set out at the Warren home in Warrenton came up for discussion again. It was mentioned that the row of trees was right in line with the dike, which runs West.

George Fulton brought up the matter of the marker on the Japanese shelling of the coast. Mr. Fulton stated that the Thompson brothers have placed the Japanese shelling marker, and Harold Dahlgren, of the American Legion, feels he can get the money necessary to pay for the marker from the members of the American Legion. Ruth Harvey, through a telephone conversation, said that \$125.00 is earmarked at this time toward payment of the \$600.00 bill.

It was moved by Dorothy Wootton and seconded by Clarence Sigurdson that a letter of appreciation be sent to the Astoria Granite Works' proprietors, Dick and Dennis Thompson, for their work in preparing and placing the marker. Motion carried.

Mr. Fulton stated that John Dooley has some ideas about getting some chain from the Maritime Museum. Mr. Dooley thought this would give a more finished look to the marker site, without going to too much expense.

Mr. George Fulton brought up the matter of the plaque marking the place of the Astoria fire. Mr. Fulton was not satisfied with how the legend should be phrased.

Through the combined efforts of the committee members, the following came to light: At top of plaque: ASTORIA FIRE. Then the following: FIRE, STARTING HERE, DESTROYED 32 SQUARE BLOCKS - THE MAJOR PART OF THE BUSINESS DISTRICT



OF THIS CITY. The date - DECEMBER 8, 1922 - at the bottom of the plaque.

The above legend was finally agreed upon by the committee and will be referred to Dick Thompson for inscription on the plaque.

Arthur Dempsie mentioned that the sea wall was constructed in 1915 in Astoria.

Dorothy Wootton reported that she has written to Tom Vaughan but stated that it will be some time before she hears from him.

Ned Thorndike suggested that the first name of Mr. Larson be entered in the minutes. Mr. Ronald Larson was the gentleman who did the work on the entrance marker for the Astoria Pioneer Cemetery. Mr. Larson works at the Bumble Bee Seafoods Shipyards.

George Fulton mentioned that the Pacific Power & Light company is going to write a story on the transfer of the Pan American planes during World War II.

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Carl Labiske said that Union Oil Company also transferred all the oil tankers here at Astoria. This was to avoid the exorbitant tax, should the transactions have taken place in Washington State.

Arthur Dempsie brought up and discussed the subject of the formation of the Town of Clatsop. Mr. Dempsie stated that it was organized for the one purpose of keeping the dunes from going back to sand.

Ned Thorndike mentioned that the Clatsop County Historical Society had received a letter from Columbia County Historical Society about a corner marker. Columbia and Clatsop County Boards of Commissioners are involved in a corner marker being located where the four counties come together. Mr. Thorndike felt this matter should be brought to our attention.

The matter of the Black Bridge was mentioned. It was reported that Hiram Johnson, County Commissioner, had asked that Arthur Dempsie be asked to get something together for Mr. Johnson to present to the State Highway Department.

Chuck Miles reported on Cannon Beach activities. The Cannon Beach Historical Society has started writing constitutional bylaws, and will be having a meeting this week to adopt it.



Chuck Miles reported that, with reference to their Pioneer Days celebration, they have a man who will lead a hike from Astoria to Fort Clatsop, Seaside, and over Tillamook Head to Cannon Beach. The trip will be done in three days. The Committee has also contacted a group of fiddlers today for the Pioneer Days celebration. Mr. Miles said they will set off a section of the street for square dancing. The Pioneer Days Celebration will be April 23, 24, 25, and 26, 1970.

Mr. Miles said he would contact Ruth Nogle sometime this week regarding a group of square dancers coming to perform during Pioneer Days.

The members of this Historical Advisory Committee have mentioned, several times, the fact that the members should visit some of the senior citizens in Clatsop County, taking a tape recorder along to put down on tape some of the richness of our history. Mr. Miles said they have a tape recorder going now in Cannon Beach.

Dorothy Wootton will get together with Mrs. John Trullinger to see if she can get Mr. Thad Trullinger's Diary. It is quite valuable as far as the history of Clatsop County is concerned.

Arthur Dempsie mentioned that Mr. and Mrs. Jim Cameron read the log of the Lewis & Clark journey and some slides were shown. Mr. Dempsie mentioned that it was very good, but, that, though Sacajawea accompanied the Lewis & Clark Expedition, the Camerons did not mention her.

Ned Thorndike asked why we don't get the City going on remarking the boundaries of Fort Astoria. Perhaps Emmett Towler would know whether the first painting of Fort Astoria was a project of the Kiwanis Club.

Travis Tyrrell mentioned the book Trask as being very interesting reading, for those who like to follow history. The book started on Clatsop Plains, and was written by Don Berry, a writer of the Oregonian.

Members of the Advisory Committee suggested that perhaps Guyon Blissett might enjoy coming to our meetings, and that he be invited for the coming meeting. Mr. Blissett may have a lot of information, historically speaking, that we should obtain. Mr. Blissett is a relative of Betty Snow and is postmaster for Gearhart.



Chuck Miles mentioned that John Catlin would probably attend our next meeting. Also, Mr. Miles mentioned that Sacajawea accompanied the Lewis & Clark group to the Salt Cairns and Cannon Beach. The members of the Lewis & Clark party were not going to let her go along, but she raised such a fuss the party let her go along with them.

It was suggested that the secretary send an invitation to Mr. Guyon Blissett and Mr. John Catlin to attend the next meeting of this committee, as well as provide them with a copy of our last minutes.

There followed a discussion on some of the old historical landmarks in the Cannon Beach area.

Chuck Miles and Travis Tyrrell reported having been to the Astoria Foundry and looked over the patterns. They are quite interest in some of the fine work there and in obtaining a few for preservation.

The members discussed the cannons at Cannon Beach. According to Del Griffin's write-up there were two cannons, but one was not retrieved. It was thought that perhaps Clarence's metal detector might locate it in the creek.

Clarence Sigurdson also mentioned the Cairnsmore and feels that the ship is probably about 100 feet down from the surface.

At the close of the meeting Jack Sutfin brought out a copy of a newspaper dated January 4, 1800, which had descended through the generations of his family into Mr. Sutfin's hands. The paper was the Ulster County Gazette, published in the city of Kingston, which apparently was in the New York area. The paper was too fragile to copy off on the Xerox machine; however, an article with reference to the death and burial of George Washington in December of 1799 was taken off, typed up, and copies made available to the members of this committee.

There being no further business, at this time, the meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

*Helen C. Griffith*  
(Mrs.) Helen C. Griffith, Secretary



CLATSOP COUNTY HISTORICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

March 23, 1970

The March meeting of the Historical Advisory Committee to the County of Clatsop was held in the office of the Board of County Commissioners, Court House, Astoria, at 7:00 P. M., with the Vice Chairman, George Fulton, presiding.

Present were: Ned Thorndike, Bill Foster, Dorothy Wootton, George Fulton, Carl Labiske, Eli McConkey, Russell Bristow, Chuck Miles, John Catlin, and Helen Griffith.

Also in attendance were Hiram C. Johnson, County Commissioner; Dick Thompson of the Astoria Granite Works; and from the American Legion - George Wikstrom, District Commander of the American Legion; Harold Dahlgren, and Vern Leach of the local Post.

It was moved by Eli McConkey and seconded by Carl Labiske to turn over the county warrant we have on hand to the Astoria Granite Works in partial payment for the stone. Motion carried.

The matter of plantings and garden work at the Astoria Pioneer Cemetery was brought up, and it was suggested that a letter go to the Astoria Garden Club, thanking them for their splendid job in completing the plantings at the cemetery. We were informed that Richfield Oil Company and one other oil company offer prizes amounting to about \$150.00 each year for beautification programs and the Garden Clubs like to participate in competition for said prizes.

It was moved by Dorothy Wootton and seconded by Eli McConkey that a letter of thanks go from this Committee for the work done at the Astoria Pioneer Cemetery, to the Astoria Garden Club. Motion carried.

At this time Harold Dahlgren of the local American Legion Post was presented to the membership and he made a presentation to the committee on the coming dedication of the Historical Marker on Delaura Beach Road regarding the Japanese shelling of the Coast during World War II. The date set for the presentation is June 21, 1970 at 3:00 P. M. This date is the anniversary of the date of the shelling.

Mr. Dahlgren presented a copy of the Program outline, suggesting that decisions be made this evening as to who would contact the various agencies to be involved in the presentation. Mr. Dahlgren also presented a diagram of the site, giving a graphic



description of the placement of those participating in the program as well as the spot where the public will stand. The program will be held to 45 minutes or less, due, partially, to the fact that the public will be standing throughout the presentation.

Dick Thompson stated that a 12" x 24" stone is to be imbedded in the monument, of the same material used at the demise of veterans. In the center will be the emblem and to the right: "Presented by the American Legion, Oregon Department, District One, Dedicated June 21, 1970". A concrete slab to be poured in front of the monument. Mr. Thompson said that Wendell Wyatt sent two projectiles, of the same type which landed here, and these will be set in the crater before time of the dedication.

Mention was made that perhaps the Japanese officer might be present; however, the cost would be prohibitive so the thought was abandoned.

The Committee recommends to the Board of County Commissioners that invitations be extended to Governor McCall and Representative Wendell Wyatt, as speakers at the presentation of the Historical Marker.

At this time the members of the American Legion excused themselves, to attend another meeting. Mr. Thompson also found it necessary to depart.

Chuck Miles introduced John Catlin, from the Cannon Beach area. Mr. Catlin is a naval architect and it is hoped he will continue coming to the meetings, for he would have much to offer in our attempts at preservation of Clatsop County's history.

Suggested as resource people in the Cannon Beach area are Pete Slustrop, 91 years old, who was, at one time, in the Danish army; and Delbert Griffin, 80 years of age, now residing in Cannon Beach.

Dorothy Wootton followed up on the story regarding the history of Astoria and being under only one flag, and the State Historical Society responded by noting that the city was under both the English and American flags at one time in our history.

Chuck Miles mentioned the fact that they are setting up a meeting this week with Mrs. McNeil on the Conference Grounds in Cannon Beach. They should then know where they stand about the old hotel building. They are hoping to have Wendell Wyatt as key speaker for one evening of the Cannon Beach Pioneer Days celebration. The Pioneer



dinner is to be on Saturday, April 25, 1970. Plans should be out and complete this week.

The matter of the painting of the old Fort Astoria area, originally, was brought before the committee for discussion. It was reported that Emmett Towler did not recall, from the Kiwanis records, whether or not they did this, but thought they had done the painting originally. Members will check further with Charlie Erickson, who is an early member of this chapter of Kiwanis.

Further discussion was held concerning the program for June 21 on the presentation of the historical marker, with Hiram Johnson to bring to John Dooley's attention the closing of the road to traffic and providing and erecting the speakers platform. Bill Foster is to contact KAST with reference to Public Address system; George Fulton is to contact the ministers to be involved; and Hiram Johnson to contact the Warrenton School, with reference to having their Band play during and after the program. It was suggested by the Committee that Verne Stratton, who is Chairman of the Board of County Commissioners this year, be asked to accept the marker for the County during the presentation.

It was also suggested that a number of officials receive special invitations to the event, even though they would not particularly participate in the program itself. Invitations, thus far, to go to the Mayor of each community and the heads of the Historical Societies and Museums.

George Fulton announced that he plans to contact the Lions Club, with the suggestion that they might like to take the project of the marker for the Astoria Fire as part of their program.

Russell Bristow asked about cleaning out of the Westport Tunnel, since this project has been underway for such a long time. Hiram Johnson stated that this would be done when the weather is better and the men can get into the area to work.

The matter of the Cannon at Cannon Beach came up for discussion. Mr. Catlin started to investigate it. It is not a cannon but a cannonade; however, it did come off the Shark. It came with a raised platform. The Shark was a two masted schooner, but



the marker sets it out as a three masted schooner. Mr. Catlin mentioned that the original plans of six ships of the 1821 class are in the naval archives, and one of these is the Shark. The one that went aground here was built in the Washington shipyard. These plans are in a book, the American and the Modest at Vancouver.

A discussion was held on a number of old sailing ships, such as the Tonkin. When the plans or drawings are finished on this ship, Rolf Klep is going to obtain a copy for the Museum.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

*Helen C. Griffith*  
(Mrs.) Helen C. Griffith, Secretary



CLATSOP COUNTY HISTORICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

April 20, 1970

The April meeting of the Historical Advisory Committee to the County of Clatsop was held in the office of the Board of County Commissioners, Court House, Astoria, at 7:00 P. M., with the Vice Chairman, George Fulton, presiding.

Present were: Trygve Duoos, Russell Bristow, Jack Sutfin, Ned Thorndike, Bill Foster, George Fulton, Arthur Dempsie, Kenneth Neff, Eli McConkey, and Helen C. Griffith.

Also present were Mrs. Ruth Fisher and County Commissioner Hiram C. Johnson.

The minutes of the meeting for March 23, 1970 were accepted as presented.

It was reported that a letter is being formulated to the Astoria Garden Club; however, it has not, as yet, been mailed, but will be done soon.

With reference to invitations sent to Governor McCall and Representative Wendell Wyatt, to participate in the presentation of the marker of the Japanese shelling of the coast, a wire of acceptance was received from Wendell Wyatt, but we have not heard from the Governor.

Continuing on the June 21 Japanese shelling marker presentation, Bill Foster reported contacting Bob Chopping, who will handle the radio. Hiram Johnson has contacted Howard Egan with reference to the Warrenton Band's participation, with the result that we will probably have to look elsewhere for the music for school will have been out two or three weeks and the band is not kept together during the summer months.

Invitations will be sent to Captain Schroeder, President of the Historical Society; Rolf Klep, Curator of the Columbia River Maritime Museum; Joe Dyer, President of the Columbia River Maritime Museum; and an invitation to go the acting superintendent at Fort Clatsop.

George Fulton reported that, if no one has an objection to the legend on the Astoria Fire, he will proceed to have the placque made and see if some organization might not be interested in backing it. Also, Mr. Fulton will follow through with the Copeland family.



Ned Thorndike reported having made a trip to the Japanese shelling marker on this date; that it is beautiful right now and suggested that everyone go to see it. George Fulton mentioned that much credit should be given to John Dooley, the County Roadmaster, for the work that has been done in preparing the surrounding area.

Russell Bristow reported that the Westport tunnel area is being cleared and cleaned up by the county road crew.

Ned Thorndike mentioned the fact that children are using the Pioneer Cemetery for a playground. A discussion followed by the committee members as to ways and means of keeping people off the grounds, except for viewing the same. It was suggested that a letter be drafted to Gil Gramson, asking the assistance of the city in keeping the youngsters off.

Hiram Johnson read a letter from our chairman, Ed Harvey; which letter was sent from Athens, Greece. Ed sent greetings to the entire membership.

Ken Neff reported having read an article in the Oregonian, not long ago, about Fort Stevens. The article mentioned there were six or seven batteries other than Battery Russell. The article also mentioned that the State is planning on cleaning up all of the batteries and making them available to the public. Mr. Neff wanted to know if this was merely a newspaper article, as such, or if anyone has any other information. George Fulton mentioned a book by the Oregon Historical Society that goes into detail on Fort Stevens and felt this might be interesting to those who have not read it. Russell Bristow mentioned that the newspaper article on the batteries had been written by Russell Dark, a reporter for the Oregonian.

George Fulton asked Russell Bristow to check on the paintings of Fort Astoria.

Arthur Dempsie mentioned the Town of Clatsop. Mr. Dempsie suggested that with sewer districts having to be founded in the future, with development following, perhaps the Town of Clatsop might be reactivated.

Mention was made of the Clifton area and the holly trees. Russell Bristow said he had made inquiries, but had not yet any answers. The first cannery at Clifton had never been marked. Jack Sutfin mentioned that Mr. West had a cannery in the 1800's



in Westport.

Trygve Duoos mentioned a Crown Zellerbach publication with some local interest, with reference to the logging industry. Mr. Duoos is going to bring the publication for the committee to look over.

Mention was made of an old mill near Youngs River Falls. Some of the stone wheels are in the possession of the Historical Society; in fact, they are set in near the steps that lead to the historical museum.

The old Warren home was brought into the discussion, and information brought out the fact that this home had recently been purchased by Marshall Leathers.

Ken Neff mentioned that the Northern Pacific and Great Northern ships were used as troop transports and the shipping lines discontinued bringing them in to the Columbia River as passenger ships. Mr. Neff mentioned this from his own experience, for he was stationed at Fort Stevens during World War I. He rode the transport to New York, through the canal. At this point the members reminisced on the river travel and the ships that were built in the area and tried out on the river.

Ken Neff shared a bit of his life with the members, saying that he was born in Eugene, but his family moved around the Oregon country quite a bit because his father was a minister and a circuit rider and literally built, with his own hands, a number of churches throughout the Western part of the state. Mr. Neff said they would travel with his father sometimes, especially in the summer time, and while his father was holding meetings they would camp out.

Russell Bristow mentioned the old Hunt mill; thought that perhaps the Hunt family at Svenson might have some information on this.

George Fulton asked if anyone had anything to offer on projects which might be a challenge for the committee to work on.

It was suggested that perhaps Arthur Dempsie and Ken Neff might arrange for the May meeting in Seaside. The date would be May 18, and Mr. Dempsie will notify the secretary after he has had the opportunity to look into the matter.

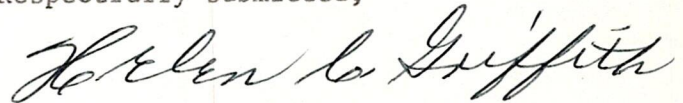


Discussed the matter of possibly marking the cemetery in Upper Town where all the Shively's and Adairs are buried. The First Lutheran church and parsonage are located on the site. Trygve Duoos saw them moving the remains and thought probably the families were having them moved to other places when they were breaking ground for the church. Mr. Duoos thought possible a placque could be put in the area, marking the spot of the cemetery's location. Mr. Duoos said that a steam shovel was used in the excavation.

A general discussion, on many topics, followed.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Helen C. Griffith". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned above the typed name.

(Mrs.) Helen C. Griffith, Secretary



CLATSOP COUNTY HISTORICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

May 18, 1970

The May meeting of the Historical Advisory Committee to the County of Clatsop was held in the meeting room of the Pacific Power & Light Company, 910 Broadway, Seaside, Oregon, at 7:30 P. M., with the Vice Chairman, George Fulton, presiding.

Present were: George Fulton, John Catlin, Russell Bristow, Bill Foster, Arthur Dempsie, Dorothy Wootton, Ned Thorndike, Clarence Sigurdson, Helen Griffith, and Eli McConkey.

Also present were: Ruth Fisher, Francis Dempsie, Bill Puustinen, Harold Dahlgren, Fred Ober, Ken Healea, and Philip Miller.

The minutes were dispensed with until the end of the meeting.

The most important item on the agenda for the evening was the dedication of the marker at Delaura Beach Road. George Fulton asked for reports from the members.

Harold Dahlgren, of the American Legion, reported having talked with Al Chan on television coverage on June 21. Mr. Dahlgren also talked with Bill Perkins on having the Sunsetters present; however, they will be in Portland that day. Mr. Perkins mentioned that he would take the matter up with the Drum and Bugle Corps, and see if they won't change their minds and help at the marker presentation. Mr. Dahlgren will report to George Fulton, as soon as Sunsetters have met. Mr. Fulton mentioned that he would also check with Mr. Hanson, director of the Astoria High School Band.

George Fulton reported that Ronald Martinson of First Lutheran Church, Astoria, and Louis Ondracek of Philadelphia Church at Hammond are the ministers who have consented to present the invocation and benediction, respectively.

Mr. Fulton stated that Governor Tom McCall will be unable to attend because of a previous commitment. Representative Wendell Wyatt will be the speaker of the day and present the marker to Clatsop County. County Commissioner Verne Stratton will be present to accept the marker on behalf of the county.

Harold Dahlgren reported he has definite commitments from five posts. There will be more by that time. The District Commander will attend. Mr. Dahlgren figured there would be a minimum of ten Posts present, with their Post colors.



Invitations are to be sent soon to the Mayors of the towns, plus the other special guests mentioned.

Arthur Dempsie mentioned military personnel stationed in the area, which should be invited. Invitations to be sent to: Coast Guard Cutters Yocona, Whitebush, and Cactus, Coast Guard Buoy Station, Coast Guard Air Station with James Clune, Commanding Officer, Captain, the commanding officer of the National Guard Unit. Dorothy Wootton suggested that we call the Astoria Chamber of Commerce office for information.

George Fulton read a 1943 article from the Astorian Budget regarding the shelling at Fort Stevens.

Clarence Sigurdson presented Fred Ober to the members. Mr. Ober was born in 1888 in Nehalem and then moved, with his family, to Seaside while he was very small. Mr. Ober mentioned that they stayed awhile at the McGuire Hotel in Seaside and then bought the Ocean Home Farm. Mr. Ober's father built the home. The Bates family put an addition on the home when they bought it.

Mr. Ober was asked if he knew of the British ship Galena and he said "Yes, I got a snootfull up there once." Mr. Ober said he was 17 or 18 years old and the captain loaded them with many varieties of liquor. The crew of the ship was staying at the old West place on Clatsop Plains.

Mr. Ober also remembered when the Peter Iredale came in. Mr. Ober also stated that Malcolm Grider perished from the action of the tide when he was fooling around on the ship.

George Fulton explained the purpose of the committee to Mr. Ober. Mr. Ober talked of a shooting at the Ocean Home Farm and said that Mr. Willard was an outlaw type of individual and Charlie Fulton shot him.

Harold Dahlgren asked if any of the old military roads could be marked. Judge J. A. Eakin's place is where one of the roads came out, going from Fort Clatsop. Also, there is one that goes through the Walluski area.

Bill Puustinen was introduced to the membership by Russell Bristow. Mr. Puustinen came to the United States in 1904 and in Seaside in 1905. Trapped in the



Nehalem area and through the Walluski area. The road was about wide enough for a team and small sled. Where the old Kinney farm was, there was an old road. Near Fishhawk Falls and through to Nehalem, Mr. Puustinen feels that the military road is followed by these roads. The Big Creek area was mentioned also. Mr. Puustinen feels that some of the old logging areas cut through this road.

Harold Dahlgren says about 100 feet of the old military road is still visible on the Buck Olson farm in Olney; West of the section Buck Olson sold to the Olney School.

Billy McGregor's forebears were clearing property on the dike land. The family tried to draw out logs.

Mr. Puustinen told of having learned American cuss words first, and let them go when the Finnish pastor came out to the home. Mr. Puustinen's family lived at the point of the fork of Youngs River to Olney and to the Falls, on the West side. Mr. Puustinen also mentioned knowing Adolph Ulrich, Buck Olson, and a Mr. Fraser.

Mr. Ober told of the old Hammond railroad. The depot was at the spot on the West side of the Necanicum where the parking lot is now. Clarence Sigurdson thought that Ben Holladay built the railway from Youngs Bay to Seaside and then Hammond bought it from Mr. Holladay. Mr. Ober agreed this was entirely possible. The members throught it would be interesting if Mr. Ober could come up with the location of the burial grounds of Chief Cullaby of the Clatsop Indian Tribe. Arthur Dampsie, Clarence Sigurdson, and Mr. Fred Ober will go and explore this territory to see if they can locate the area.

Ken Healea reported that the night following our meeting, May 19, is the annual cleanup of the Salt Cairns. Mr. Healea said there are about 10 or 15 people who usually help with this project; and stated that children from the Blind School are extremely interested in the Salt Cairns. Seaside had three groups last summer and has had one busload of blind children already this spring. It was suggested that it would be nice to have some type of registration station there. George Fulton asked about the house adjacent to the salt cairn. Mr. Healea said they have the trail very well established from Fort Clatsop to Seaside (Lewis & Clark Trail).



Francis Dempsie told of being at Fort Canby the night of the Japanese shelling of the coast. Ben Johnson, Commander, was called out and the men didn't come back. Finally, Mrs. Dempsie, said, the women got tired of waiting and went to get a hamburger. Everything was blacked out and they didn't understand or know what had happened.

John Catlin suggested that if the men do locate the grave of Chief Cullaby of the Clatsops, they have an archaeologist with them so that nothing will be disturbed without historical data being obtained. George Fulton said they just plan to locate the area, without disturbing anything at all.

Arthur Dempsie said that at the Astoria end of the bridge there should be a marker that marks the Western terminus of the highways 26 and 30.

John Catlin stated that Cannon Beach is the farthest West that Lewis & Clark traveled. Clark went to Cannon Beach, taking Sacajawea with the party.

Eli McConkey and Ruth Fisher went to the Saturday night dinner and program for the Pioneer Days celebration in Cannon Beach. Travis Tyrrell gave a report by telephone to Helen Griffith, stating that they felt it was a success and should develop into an interesting celebration each year.

Clatsop Historical Society voted to send the Cannon Beach Historical Society \$150.00 toward the development of their museum, according to Bill Foster.

Harold Dahlgren mentioned that the place where the Shark Rock originally stood, should be marked. It is located at Lovell-McCall Tire Store, about thirty feet below ground. This matter will be looked into.

The March 23 minutes, Page Three, last paragraph, will be corrected to read "carronade", as noted by Mr. Catlin. John Catlin says he has all the drawings for the cannon at Cannon Beach.

The minutes of the April meeting were accepted as presented.

Susan Foster, daughter of member Bill Foster, was welcomed as a guest at the latter end of the meeting.

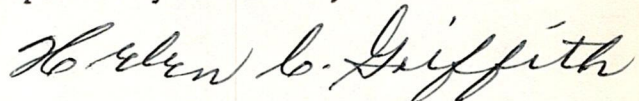
The June meeting, June 15, will, hopefully, be held at Hammond. Dorothy Wootton to see Ed Beard about arrangements.



The correct address for John Catlin is Box 87, Cannon Beach 97110.  
Future notices to be sent to: Bill Puustinen, Route 2, Box 575, Astoria, Oregon 97103;  
Ken Healea, 2381 S. Downing, Seaside, Oregon 97138; Fred Ober, 125 - 9th Street,  
Gearhart, Oregon 97138; and Harold Dahlgren, 660 W. Lexington Avenue, Astoria, Oregon  
97103.

There being no further business the meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Helen C. Griffith". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned above the typed name.

(Mrs.) Helen C. Griffith, Secretary



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# Points of Interest

**Astoria Bridge.** One of America's longest spans, 4.1 miles from shore to shore across the Columbia River.

**Astoria Column.** 125-foot tower depicting history of region, atop Coxcomb Hill in Astoria. Follow signs.

**Fort Astoria.** Recreated historic fort of early fur traders, between 14th and 15th on Exchange Street in Astoria.

**Clatsop County Historical Museum.** Victorian mansion to display of historical artifacts, 8th and Exchange in Astoria.

**Columbia River Maritime Museum.** Display of early shipping and related artifacts, 16th and Exchange in Astoria.

**Bumble Bee Seafood Company.** Visitors may tour major cannery of salmon and tuna — west of Astoria city center. Follow signs.

**Site of First Post Office West of Rockies.** Marker, 15th Street just off Exchange, Astoria.

**Site of First Customs House West of Rockies.** On Leif Erickson Drive between 33rd and 34th.

**Fishermen's Dock.** Commercial, private and charter boat mooring, restaurant, and motel — west off Marine Drive at sign, in Astoria.

**Fort Clatsop.** 1805-06 winter headquarters of Lewis and Clark Expedition, National Memorial, museum. Turn off U.S. 101 three miles southwest of Astoria.

**Skipanon Waterway.** Modern small boat basin, rentals, deep sea charters, take U.S. 101 from Astoria junction, north to Warrenton.

**Fort Stevens State Park.** One of the state's most complete all-year parks, camping and picnic facilities, lake, seashore. Turn off U.S. 101 approximately 9 miles west of Astoria.

**Wreck of Peter Iredale.** On beach just west of Fort Stevens State Park.

**Battery Russell.** World War II fortifications preserved as part of Ft. Stevens State Park, on South Jetty Road.

✓ **Japanese Shell Monument.** Monument on DeLaura Beach Road, south of Fort Stevens State Park, marks site where a Japanese cannon shell from submarine landed in one of few World War II naval attacks on continental U.S.

**Indian Museum,** country store, U.S. 101 at Gearhart.

**Aquarium.** Many strange and beautiful deep sea creatures, trained seals. On the Promenade, Seaside.

**Lewis and Clark Salt Cairn.** Reconstructed cairn used by explorers in 1806 to obtain salt from sea water. Just off South Beach Drive in Seaside.

**Indian Artifacts Museum.** No admission charge. Across street from Lewis and Clark Salt Cairn, Seaside.

**Roaring 20's Music Museum.** Nickelodeons, music boxes, player pianos of period from 1860 through the 20's, Seaside.

**Unknown Sailer's Grave.** Burial site of four Portuguese sailors washed ashore in 1885, South Cove, Seaside.

**Haystack Rock.** Offshore natural landmark — one of the world's largest monoliths, Cannon Beach.

**Nehalem Bay.** Excellent tidewater fishing area for salmon, coho, cutthroat, native trout and steelhead. Boat and equipment rental at Nehalem and Wheeler.

**Barview Jetty.** County park offering shoreline and jetty fishing for deep sea fish, flounder, perch, cod. Air station for skin divers. Off U.S. 101 at Barview.

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Astoria, Oregon, Wednesday,  
June 17, 1970*

## Marker Dedication Slated At Sunday Ceremony

Dedicatory ceremony, sponsored by the Clatsop County Historical Advisory Committee, takes place Sunday at a spot on Delaura Beach Road near the Pacific Ocean where one of several Japanese shells fell during a bombardment of Fort Stevens 28 years ago.

Sunday marks the anniversary date of this event, noted by historians as the first hostile shelling of an American military installation in the continental U.S. since the War of 1812.

The beach shelling site, now included as one of Clatsop County's several historical landmarks, recently had a gray granite marker emplaced. The marker, prepared by Dick Thompson, of the Astoria Granite Works, is situated beside the beach road, some 100 yards west of the Ridge Road intersection. The advisory committee received and carried out the marker project, with sponsorship from the board of county commissioners.

The historical landmark presentation will be made Sunday by District 1 post of the American Legion, the event beginning at 3 p.m., and to which Rep.

Wendell Wyatt will attend, along with a host of other dignitaries.

Astoria attorney George Fulton will make the introduction of dignitaries. Wyatt will present the historical marker and County Commission Chairman Verne Stratton will accept the marker.

Also to be present are District Legion Commander George Wikstrom, Mayor Harry Steinbock of Astoria and Thompson. Invocation will be given by Rev. Ronald Martinson, First Lutheran Church of Astoria, and benediction will be by Rev. Louis Ondracek, Philadelphia Church of Hammond. In addition to Legion colors, a band (yet to be selected) will be present for martial music.

The event is open to the general public and adequate parking space is assured.



# The Columbia Press



This marker will be dedicated in special ceremonies June 21 at 3 p.m. at DeLaura Beach road off Ridge Road near Fort Stevens where on June 21, 1942 the Japanese shelled U.S. soil. Congressman Wendell Wyatt will be principal speaker at the American Legion sponsored program.

THE DAILY ASTORIAN, Astoria, Oregon, Friday, June 19, 1970

## Japanese Shelling Site

# Marker Dedication Sunday

All planning for Sunday afternoon's dedicatory ceremony, at a rolling dunes area behind the Clatsop County beach that was shelled 28 years ago by a Japanese submarine, are complete.

To be dedicated is a historical marker that depicts the area of the first hostile shelling of an American military installation (Fort Stevens) in the continental U.S. since the War of 1812.

During darkness of June 21, 1942, a Japanese submarine surfaced off the beach in front of Fort Stevens and fired at least 17 shells at the installation. No shell hit its mark and Battery Russell personnel, although manning their big guns, did not fire back.

The marker is emplaced at a spot on DeLaura Beach road, near the ocean, where one shell was embedded. A replica of the same size shell is now emplaced in concrete in the still visible crater.

The dedication is under sponsorship of the Clatsop County Historical Advisory Committee. Event begins at 3 p.m. and will have several

dignitaries present, including U.S. Rep. Wendell Wyatt. Dedication is also open to the general public.

Opening remarks will be given by Astoria attorney George Fulton, member of the advisory committee, with presentation of colors by District 1 posts of the American Legion and martial music performed by the Mustang Drum and Bugle Corps, Longview - Kelso, Wash., Roy R. Briggs, director.

The Rev. Richard Sutton of Astoria's First Baptist Church gives the invocation, followed by introduction of dignitaries by Fulton. These include commanders and representatives of all Legion posts, including George Wikstrom, district commander; Congressman Wyatt; Dick Thompson, of Astoria Granite Works, who designed and made the historical slab marker; and County Commission Chairman Verne Stratton.

Wyatt will officially present the marker, and acceptance of it will be by Stratton. Following closing remarks by Fulton, the benediction will be given by the Rev. Louis Ondracek, Philadelphia Church, Hammond.



SEASIDE SIGNAL, SEASIDE, OREGON, JUNE 18, 1970

## Wyatt to present historical marker to county Sunday

Rep. Wendell Wyatt of Oregon's first congressional district, will present a historical landmark to Clatsop county at 3 p.m. Sunday beside DeLaura Beach road at the place where a shell fired from a Japanese submarine landed 28 years ago.

The presentation to the Clatsop county commissioners will be made on behalf of the American Legion, Commissioner Hiram Johnson said. The monument was sponsored by the American Legion district 1, Northwest Oregon, and the Clatsop County Historical Society.

The site on DeLaura Beach road is about 200 feet west of Ridge road. Best route to the site, Johnson said, is to go west on Cemetery road from highway 101 and continue west across Ridge road onto DeLaura Beach road.

On June 21, 1942, during World War II, a Japanese submarine surfaced in the Pacific Ocean out of range of guns at Fort Stevens and fired 17 shells toward the fort. The place beside the road where the monument had been placed is the most accessible and was selected for that reason, Johnson said.

The Seaside Signal for June 25, 1942, reported, in part:

"The war came to the Oregon coast shortly after 11:30 p.m. Sunday when what was presumably a Japanese submarine fired 9 or 10 shots from her deck gun into the sand dunes north of Seaside. The shells, which were wide of their mark, were evidently searching out the military installations at Fort Stevens, but none was hit. There were no casualties and no property damage. After 15 minutes the firing ceased and the war of Clatsop Plains ended just as suddenly as it began.

"It was the first naval action to be directed at the Oregon coast since the British sloop of war Raccoon entered the Columbia river during the war of 1812 for the purpose of capturing the Astor trading post, only to find that the post had been purchased by Astor's Canadian partners and was already flying the British flag."



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# Japan Shelled Clatsop

A gray granite marker now stands beside DeLaura Beach Road, 100 yards west of the Ridge Road (Ft. Stevens Park Road) intersection, marking the spot where one of 17 or 18 Japanese cannon shells fell early in World War II.

The marker, prepared for the Clatsop County Historical Advisory Council by Dick Thompson, Astoria mason, carries a carved scale replica of the Japanese submarine I-25 which bombarded Fort Stevens the night of June 21, 1942.

Eventually, it is hoped the site might become a national historical monument under the National Park Service, as it marks the only foreign attack since War of 1812 on a military post in the continental U.S.

I-25 and I-26, twin Japanese submarines, were on a cruise of the Eastern Pacific to attack U.S. shipping in the spring of 1942, with an additional assignment to bombard any safe targets they found on the coast.

The I-25, commanded by Lt. Cmdr. Meigi

Tagami of the Imperial Japanese Navy, selected Fort Stevens, because he thought the fort sheltered a U.S. submarine base, according to J. Larry Kemp, Concord, Calif., who has done much research on the incident (other reports say the commander was trying to bombard the Clatsop Airport).

Meanwhile the garrison at Fort Stevens, commanded by Col. C. S. Doney, stood by at the guns, but did not fire back Coast artillery doctrine prescribed such lack of action in face of an attack by a single vessel, which conceivably could be reconnoitering to draw fire for the purpose of locating gun positions.

I-25 carried a 5.5 inch deck gun. Battery Russell at Fort Stevens was armed with two 10-inch rifled guns on disappearing carriages (the gun positions are open for viewing at refurbished Battery Russell, which is now part of the state park system).

I-25, launched on Oct. 15, 1941, was sunk by U.S. action off Samoa in October, 1943.

THE OREGONIAN, THURSDAY, JUNE 18, 1970

## Shell Crater Rites Dated

ASTORIA (Special) — Site of the crater where shells from a Japanese submarine struck U.S. soil in 1942 will be dedicated formally at 3 p.m. Sunday, June 21, on DeLaura Beach Road south of Ft. Stevens.

The fort was target of a number of shots fired from the sub early in World War II, but all of the shells went wide.

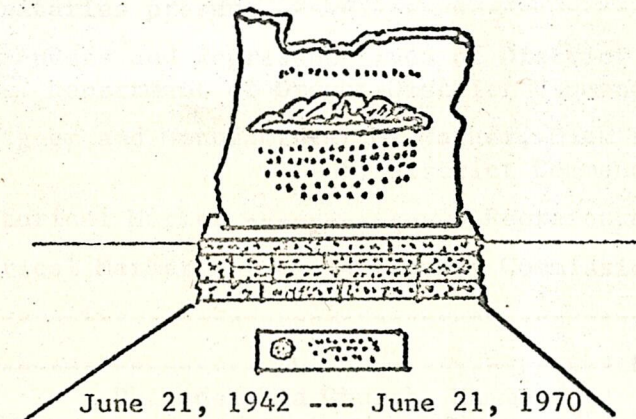
A stone marker commemorating the attack will be presented to Clatsop County official Legion, with Rep. Wendell Wyatt making the presentation address.

Verne Stratton, chairman of the board of county commissioners, will accept the monument on behalf of the county. George Fulton, Astoria attorney, is scheduled to act as master of ceremonies and "call to the colors" will be sounded by Mustang Drum and Bugle Corps of Longview-Kelso under the direction of Roy Broggs.

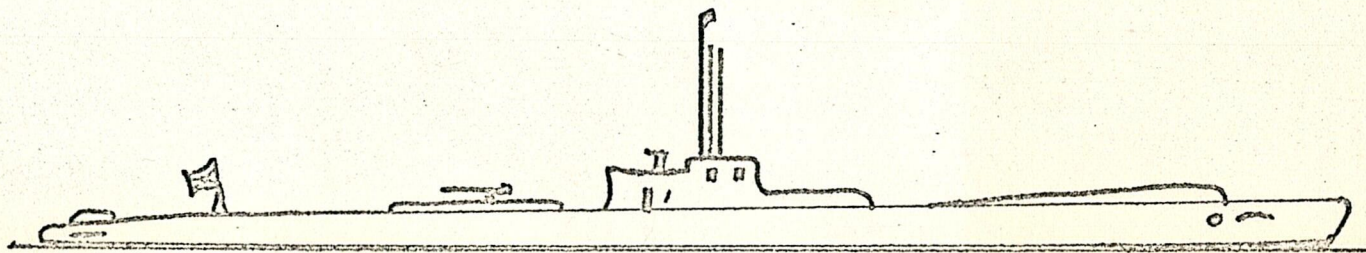
The marker was designed and manufactured by Dick Thompson of Astoria and occupies a knoll just east of strawberry knoll, a fire control point for Ft. Stevens during the war.



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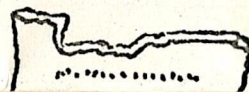


DELAURA BEACH ROAD  
JUNE 21, 1970 - 3:00 P. M.





TO  
CLATSOP COUNTY



Opening Remarks ----- George Fulton  
Clatsop County Historical Advisory Committee

Presentation of Colors ----- District #1 Posts  
American Legion, Department of Oregon

To The Colors ----- Mustang Drum & Bugle Corps - Longview-Kelso, Washington  
Roy R. Briggs, Director

Invocation ----- Rev. Richard Sutton  
First Baptist Church, Astoria

Introduction of Dignitaries present ----- George Fulton

Introduction of Commanders and Representatives of District #1 Posts  
American Legion, Department of Oregon-District Commander George Wikstrom

Presentation to Designer and Manufacturer of Marker, Dick Thompson --  
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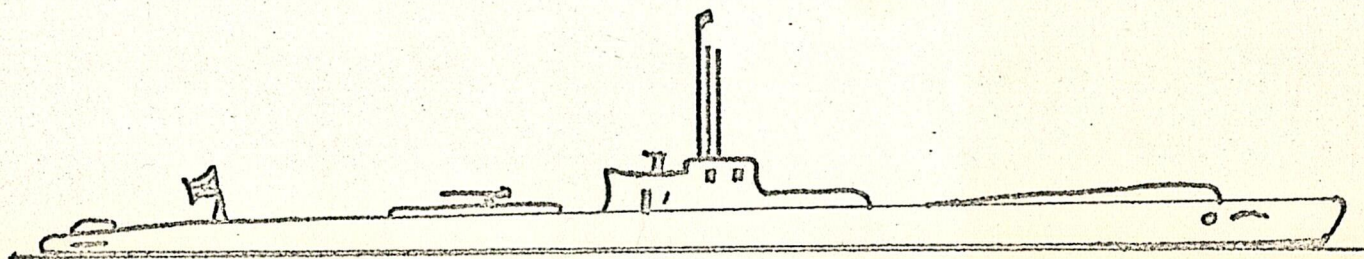
Presentation of Historical Marker ----- Representative Wendell Wyatt

Acceptance of Historical Marker ----- County Commissioner Verne Stratton

Closing Remarks ----- George Fulton

Benediction ----- Rev. Louis Ondracek  
Philadelphia Church, Hammond

Adjournment ----- George Fulton





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# Thursday

## WW2 Attack Rite Planned

ASTORIA (UPI) — Formal dedication will be held Sunday at the site of the crater where Japanese shells struck in World War II.

A Japanese submarine early in the war fired a number of shots at nearby Fort Stevens. The shells were wide of their target.





Daily Astorian

## Ceremony Was Held Sunday for Dedication of Shelling Marker

# Wyatt to Seek National Designation of Shelling Site

Rep. Wendell Wyatt will work to see the site of the bombardment of Fort Stevens by a Japanese submarine in 1942 is designated as a national historical site, he said Sunday.

Wyatt was principal speaker at a brief ceremony dedicating a monument erected at the spot where one of 18 rounds fired by the deck gun of the sub-

marine I-25 dug a crater in the sand of Clatsop Palins.

Wyatt said he would use his position as member of the Interior Department appropriations subcommittee of the House to push the project and, with help of the other members of the Oregon delegation, "I think we will succeed."

Some 150 persons attended the half hour ceremony, held along the DeLaura Beach road west of its junction with Ride Road and some three miles south of Fort Stevens, presumed target of the I-25's 15-minute bombardment the night of June 21, 1942.

The ceremony was conducted by District I, American Legion, Oregon Department. George Wikstrom, district commander, attended along with representatives of 11 of the 16 Legion posts in the district—Astoria, Warrenton, Seaside, King City, Tillamook, Tigard, Cannon Beach, Sherwood, Forest Grove, Clatskanie and Hillsboro.

Wikstrom gave a check from

the district to Dick Thompson, designer and maker of the stone marker erected at the site a few months ago, as payment for his effort. He also formally presented the marker to the Clatsop County commissioners.

George Fulton, of the county commission's historical advisory committee presided at the ceremony. The Mustang Drum and Bugle Corps of the Longview-Kelso district provided martial music. The Rev. Richard Sutton gave invocation and benediction.

Wyatt in his remarks noted that Japan today is one of our allies.

"I think it is significant that we can do this ceremony today in a spirit of friendship and for preserving important history," he said. "It is a sign we have come of age—that we can join hands with our former enemies."

He also felt that this sort of event "helps to hold us together, in contrast to the divisiveness

of which we see so much these days."

Historical significance of the Fort Stevens bombardment, Wyatt said, is because it is the only military post in mainland United States attacked by a foreign enemy since the War of 1812.



## Clatsop Monument Marks Spot Of Japanese Shelling In 1942

By RUSSELL DARK  
Correspondent, The Oregonian

ASTORIA (Special) — An American shrine has been dedicated near the spot where an enemy shell exploded 28 years ago, the first attack on U.S. soil since the war of 1812.

It was shortly after 11 p.m. on June 21, 1942, that the Japanese submarine I-25 lobbed 18 rounds of high explosive in the general direction of Ft. Stevens. All of the shells from the 5.5 millimeter deck gun exploded harmlessly in the dunes and forested area around the fort.

"Despite the troubled world

around us, the fact that we mark this spot while maintaining friendly relations with Japan shows that the world is coming of age," said Rep. Wendell Wyatt in presenting granite marker to the people of Clatsop county last weekend.

### History Reviewed

Verne Stratton, chairman of Clatsop county commissioners, accepted the granite marker on behalf of county citizens.

Wyatt reviewed the history

of Ft. Stevens from its beginning in 1864 until the night Lt. Com. Meiji Tagami ordered his men to shell the shore installations along Clatsop spit at the mouth of the Columbia river.

He recalled that he was just leaving Astoria at the time of the shelling, on leave from his FBI post in Seattle.

"I didn't hear the explosions," Wyatt said.

Others in Astoria heard the explosions and saw flashes from the sub's deck gun.

The 10-inch rifles at Battery Russell and other defense weapons along the spit did not return the submarine's fire due to a defense command order which characterized the sub's attack as an attempt to locate positions of the Ft. Stevens weapons.

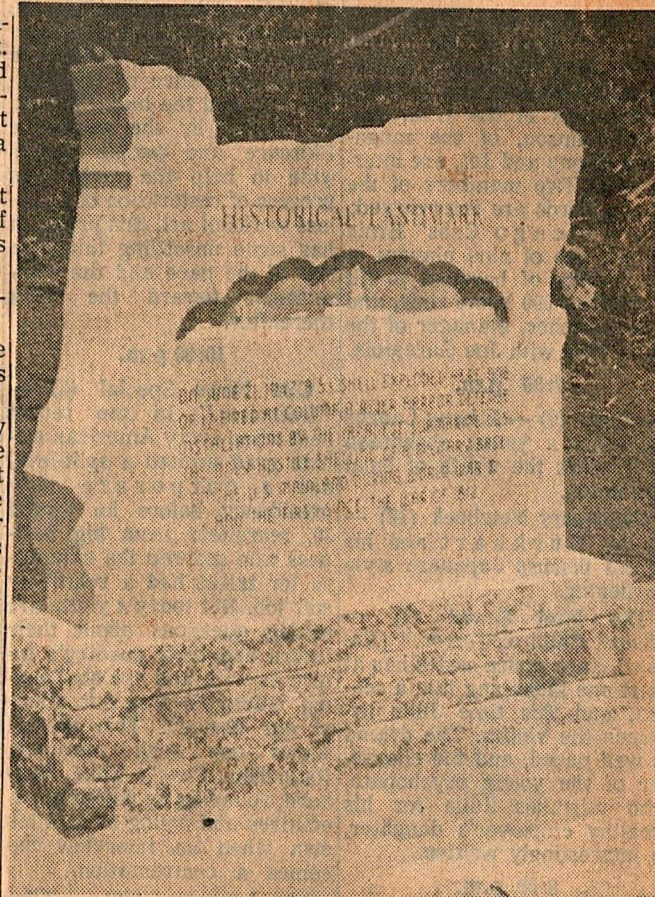
The I-25 was sunk by U.S. action off Samoa in October, 1943.

Introducing various speakers during the Sunday ceremony was George Fulton, Astoria attorney.

Posts of District 1, American Legion, massed colors in front of the granite monument, sited on a knoll on Delaura beach road south of Ft. Stevens. A crater west of the marker contains a Japanese shell exactly like the one which exploded there.

Carving on the face of the monument was done by Dick Thompson, Astoria stone mason, from information supplied by Rep. Wyatt.

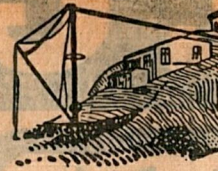
Music for the ceremony was supplied by the Mustang Drum and Bugles Corps of Longview-Kelso under the direction of Roy R. Briggs.



GRANITE MARKER marks scene of shelling by Japanese submarine during World War II near Ft. Stevens. Carving on face of monument was done by Dick Thompson, Astoria stone mason.



# SEASIDE



## Marion Nesbit taken by death after long illness

Marion F. Nesbit, 76, died June 19 in the Seaside Convalescent Center, where he had been a patient for two years. Nesbit, a resident of Seaside since 1941, was a pioneer in the liquified gas industry in Oregon. He established the Northwest Liquified Gas company in Hood River and the

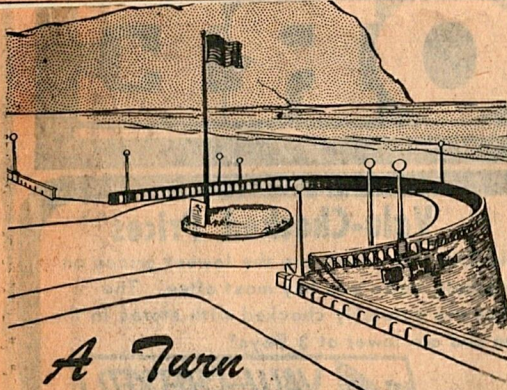
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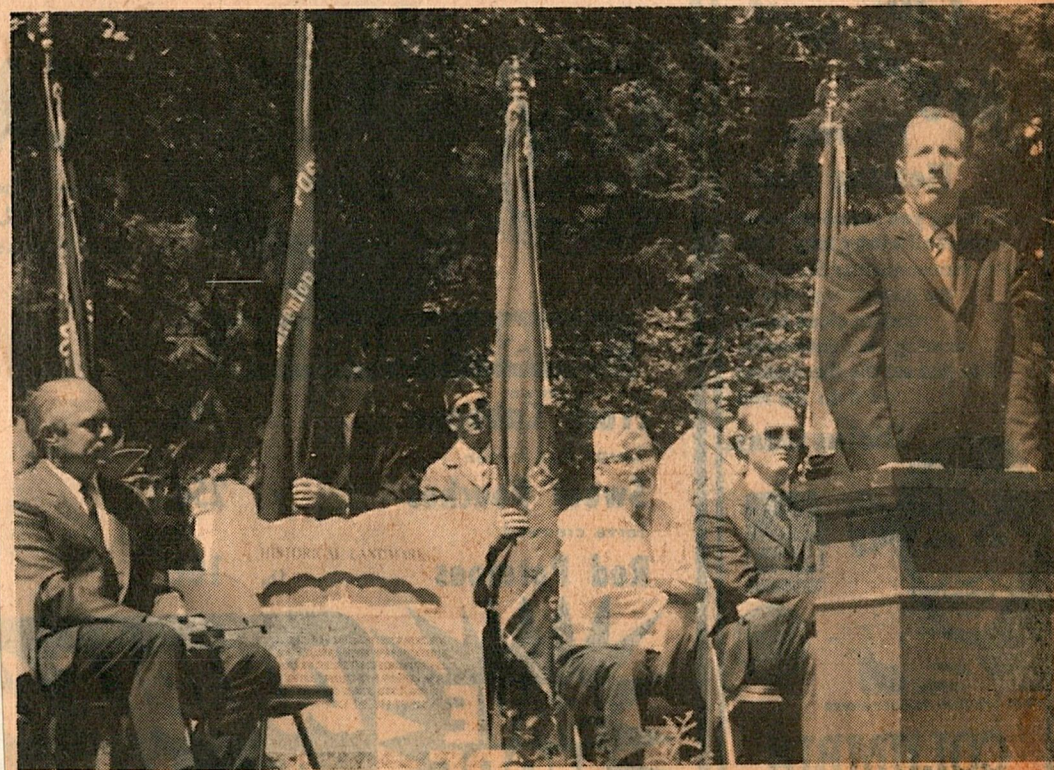


## A Turn Around Town...

The dedication of the historical monument near Fort Stevens Sunday reminded us of the enterprise of a couple of our classmates who were in high school at the time of the shelling. They, along with many other people were out in the area as soon as they could get there to look for souvenir shell fragments. These fragments were soon going for upwards of \$5 per piece, which was a pretty good chunk of money for a high school student in those days.

As the readily available supply was depleted, a couple of the young men rushed out to the nearest second hand dealer. A small sum of money purchased a couple of old cast-iron stoves and the loan of a sledge hammer quickly produced a brand new supply of "shell" fragments. Back at the shelling area, business in fragments was brisk again.

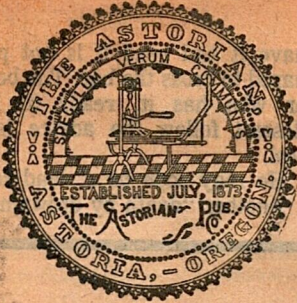
We have lost touch with most of these classmates, but strangely enough, we have heard of none of them who are into more than their



Presenting the monument marking the spot on which a shell fired from a Japanese submarine landed on June 22, 1942, is Congressman Wendell Wyatt. The presentation to Clatsop county was made on behalf of American Legion district 1 posts. American Legion, county and city officials participated in the ceremony Sunday afternoon on DeLaura Beach road west of Warrenton.



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ASTORIA, OREGON, FRIDAY, JUNE 26, 1970

## Open Forum

### Forget Holes

(Salem Capital Journal)

A recent wire service story from Astoria reported that the American Legion was going to dedicate a memorial marker for a couple of holes in the ground.

The holes were caused by shells fired early in World War II by a snooping Japanese submarine. The story goes on to say the shells were wide of their mark—Fort Stevens on the Oregon coast.

We think the marker may be wide of the mark too.

Certainly there are enough reminders of World War II around to keep painful memories intact—like the atom bomb and its successor, the H-Bomb. Besides we've been in a couple of wars since that remind us well enough of the cost of freedom.

We respectfully suggest that contributions to charity or helping maintain the Willamette National Cemetery would serve better.

The fact that stray shells fell on Oregon 25 years ago has little relevance in this day and age.

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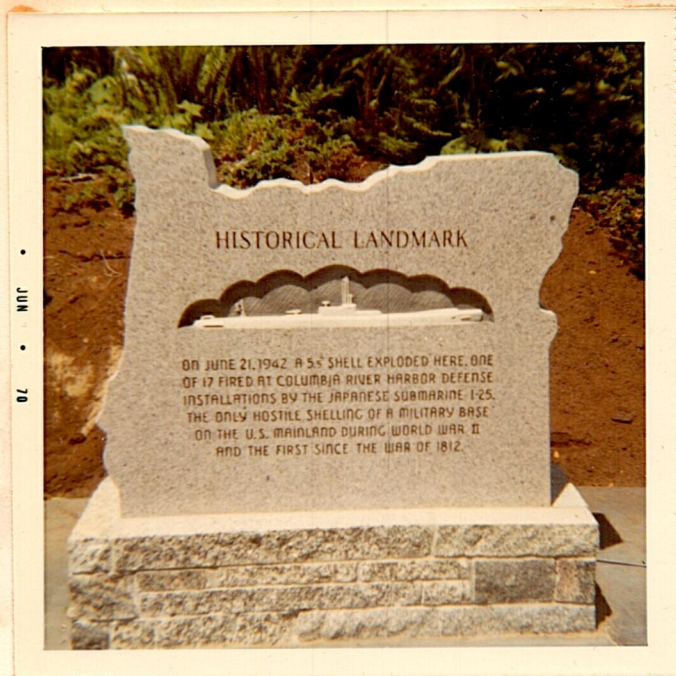
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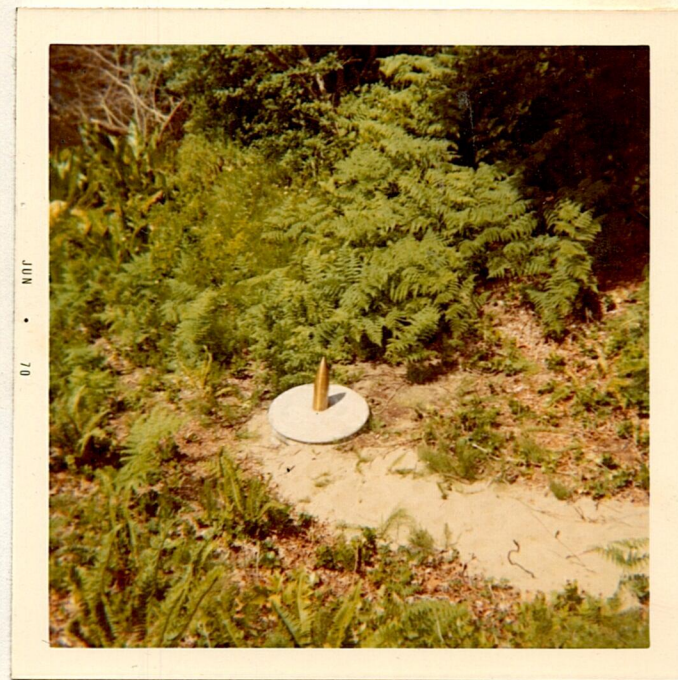
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February 15, 1971

The meeting of the Clatsop County Historical Advisory Committee convened at 7:00 o'clock P. M. in the office of the Board of County Commissioners, Court House, Astoria.

Meeting called to order by the Chairman, Ed Harvey.

Present were: Eli McConkey, Carl Labiske, Irene Altstadt, Betty Snow, Dr. Ed Harvey, Bill Foster, George Fulton, Helen Griffith, Commissioner Hiram Johnson, Margaret Green, and Russell Dark.

Chairman Ed Harvey asked Commissioner Johnson for a true list of the membership and resource material. This will take a bit of research, since some members are deceased, some have resigned, and others accepted as members without direct appointment of the Board of Commissioners.

Secretary was asked to send a letter to Kenneth Neff, thanking him for his work done on the committee and letting him know we are sorry to see him go.

The Chairman, Ed Harvey, asked the secretary to check the files to see if thank you letters had been mailed to Bumble Bee and Dick Jensen of Pacific Northwest Bell, for the assistance given at the time the Astoria Pioneer Cemetery was made presentable for the public and a marker installed.

Chairman Ed Harvey stated that he feels we should finish the job which was started on the Astoria Pioneer Cemetery. Mentioned that we could get some kind of cedar trees as a backdrop on the East side of the cemetery. These should be planted sometime in February or early March so they can take hold and grow. This comment was made by Chuck Woods of Crown Zellerbach, who would furnish the trees. The city will drill holes and plant the trees so the law mower can go underneath them and then the city can take care of watering also.

George Fulton explained an article shown in a magazine put out by the Monument Builders of the United States, as being a four page spread on the landmark prepared by Thompson's Granite Works, commemorating the Japanese shelling of the American mainland during World War II. A copy was made of the article, to be incorporated in the records of the Historical Advisory Committee.

Getting back to the matter of the Astoria Pioneer Cemetery, Betty Snow felt an explanation should be given as to why the situation had arrived at its present status. Mrs. Snow said the Committee voted it down because there were those who felt we had spent too much money in one place and we should now go into some other field; however, Betty Snow feels, also, that this project should be finished. There was considerable discussion which followed with the following action taken:

It was moved by Irene Altstadt and seconded by Betty Snow that the Clatsop County Historical Advisory Committee recommend to the Board of County Commissioners that the Committee complete the Astoria Pioneer Cemetery job by putting up \$150.00, which will be added to the \$150.00 from the City of Astoria, plus the balance of over \$200.00 from Dr. Ed Harvey. The Motion carried, with George Fulton and Bill Foster voting NO.

Betty Snow introduced Margaret Green, our guest for the evening. Mrs. Green



shared some of her knowledge of the Cannon Beach area with the members, bringing to us information on the Austin House in Cannon View Park. Much of her information had been set out in an article previously prepared by her brother, Delbert Griffin, and in which Margaret Green collaborated. The Austin House was the first post office in the area. Mr. Adair has sent a map of where he thinks the Austin House was located; however, Betty Snow and Margaret Green will walk the area and try to get a better check on the location.

Margaret Green said that Cannon Beach has been her second home for many years. She started going there when she was about four months old. Mrs. Green had, with her, some pictures of the Austin House. The postal carrier from Tillamook would bring the mail to the Austin House and the carrier from the North would also bring the mail down this far, the mail then being sorted and forwarded on in its respective directions. The Post Office was established at Austin House on May 29, 1891.

Mrs. Green mentioned that the article also referred to the fact that there were three cannons on the foredeck of the Shark, which was washed ashore at Cannon Beach.

Margaret Green showed pictures of:

1. the Cannon in front of the Austin House.
2. Margaret (Griffin) Green and Delbert Griffin walking over Hug Point to the Austin House.
3. 1892, 1900, and 1921 Griffin houses built in Cannon Beach.

A question was asked on the names of the Points in Cannon Beach area and Mrs. Green said one was known as Adair Point, and this was just south of the waterfall. Betty Snow said that Mr. Adair had mentioned, in his letter to her, Hug Point, Adair Point, Merriwether Point, and Austin Point.

Margaret Green said that Delbert stated in his article that the Austin Place was just about 1/4 mile South of the last point.

It was suggested that perhaps a marker could be placed on the highway and then one down at the site, closer to where the post office was located; however, this will have to be checked since this property is now privately owned and it is not known whether the owners would care to have tourists appearing there.

Betty Snow said the different points, such as Sylvan Point, Hug Point, etc., should be marked so that the names would not be lost to Oregon. Perhaps the State of Oregon Highway Department would put these up with the proper information being supplied for them.

Margaret Green stated that the Austin family had no children. James F. Austin was the name of the owner and builder of the Austin House.

Ed Harvey says that if we can authenticate these spots it shouldn't cost more than \$3.00 or \$4.00 for each sign.

Mr. Adair had written a very comprehensive letter to Betty Snow, on local history, and if Mr. Adair will give his permission to do so, a copy of the letter, at least, will



be included in the files of the Historical Advisory Committee in order that they not be lost to Oregon.

A discussion was also held with reference to Muddy Creek, and a possible marker for said Creek.

Betty Snow mentioned that Chuck Miles reported Mr. Adair's stating that at Indian Beach there is a cable wrapped around a tree. This helped get the telephone line from Tillamook Rock to the mainland. This still exists. It is at first or second turn after crossing the stream. It was made fast to the tree in 1895 by Mr. Adair's father, who was employed by the United States Engineers as consultation foreman of Columbia River Jetty. Mr. Adair's father was detailed to take the telephone lines from Tillamook Rock Light House to Indian Beach. Took them from the tender Manzanita, by whale boat, into Indian Beach.

Margaret Green mentioned that Samuel Adair was first customs inspector, operating out from Hauke's store in Upper Town. Hannah Adair wanted very much, at that time, to buy the little triangular piece of land opposite Hauke's to building a little park, with a plaque to honor her family; however, the newspaper did not print her historical article so it was lost to Clatsop County. The family was here in the later 1950's.

Chairman Ed Harvey thanked Betty Snow for her report, saying it is one of the finest reports we have had in many months.

Dr. Harvey also thanked Margaret Green for appearing before the committee, for her interest, and presenting the report on the Austin House.

Dr. Harvey mentioned SB 126 introduced by Willener in legislature. This bill, as he understood it, would allow \$420,000 for the marking of walking and hiking trails in the State of Oregon. George Fulton said it was his understanding, after reading the bill, that it was for building new trails in the State.

Russell Dark asked about the Moses Riddle family. Mr. Dark said he has 17 volume diary of said family. They were the first family settled in Knappa area. Mr. Dark checked the cemetery but was unable to find the grave. The Homestead was where the head works of the reservoir is now. Her initials are on the adopted son's grave; her family name was West. The diary is from 1880, from the time she left Ohio until she died in 1924.

In mentioning the Shark again, it was suggested that Howard Chappell, Curator of the Marine Division of the Smithsonian Institute might be a possible resource on the ship.

Betty Snow asked if we have enough information to go ahead with the point markers in the Cannon Beach area. Ed Harvey says we need a map to mark and if Betty feels we have enough authenticated material he sees no reason why this cannot be done.

Ed Harvey also says that he has one house he wanted to mark, up here on 9th and the owner said no because they felt it would devalue the property.



George Fulton mentioned the Astoria Fire Memorial. The First National Bank has sent to Thompson's for a drawing as to the best place to set the Weinhard Hotel portals. It was thought the best place for the portals would be the Northwest corner of the parking lot and then place a marker of the size at Delaura Beach road, at the portals.

The Sites Committee will be in Portland in 1974. Chairman Ed Harvey has been in correspondence with them now to have the National Sites Preservation Commission come down and go over some of the points of interest we have, in Clatsop County.

Eli McConkey, Carl Labiske, and Irene Altstadt were named as a committee to establish memberships; to bring us up to date. Ragnor Johnson was suggested as a possible member.

Betty Snow will go to Cannon Beach Chamber of Commerce to ask for assistance in granting funds for erecting signs in the Cannon Beach area. She will report back to the committee.

Betty Snow asked that we set future meetings for 7:30 P. M., since it is difficult for those further away from the meeting place to make it by 7:00 P. M. After a short discussion, this was done on motion of George Fulton and second by Eli McConkey. Motion carried.

Upon motion for adjournment by Bill Foster, Chairman Ed Harvey adjourned the meeting.

Secretary instructed to add Margaret Green to the Committee's mailing list in an advisory capacity.

Respectfully submitted,

*Helen C. Griffith*  
(Mrs.) Helen C. Griffith, Secretary



February 15, 1971

TO: BOARD OF CLATSOP COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
FROM: HISTORICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE  
SUBJECT: ASTORIA PIONEER CEMETERY

The matter of the Astoria Pioneer Cemetery came up for discussion during the meeting. To bring the Board up to date on what has already transpired, it is noted that through the efforts of the Clatsop County Historical Advisory Committee, the Astoria Pioneer Cemetery has been restored. That is to say, the Advisory Committee took on the project of working toward restoration of the cemetery two or three years ago. Several sources were made aware of the project, a stone marker was erected, a walkway formed and topping poured, and an entranceway set up on 14th Street just off of Niagara Avenue. At the close of this project, which involved the City of Astoria, as well as Clatsop County, the members of the committee discussed the subject and felt that enough time and money had been spent on this project and nothing further should be done at this site, since there are many other historical sites to be considered in the various sections of the county.

Later the matter of the Astoria Pioneer Cemetery again came up for discussion. It was felt, by the chairman of the committee, Ed Harvey, that the project was left incomplete and even though the membership had decided that any further improvements to the Cemetery should come from the City of Astoria - as a matter of civic pride - Dr. Harvey hoped a better solution could be given.

The membership discussed the matter, there being some who dissented and some who felt it should just be finished, and since there has been no concrete demand upon the committee for a current project, perhaps it would be sensible to finish the cemetery site and let the city of Astoria then be responsible for its upkeep through the years.

Since the City of Astoria and Dr. Ed Harvey had agreed to pay portions of such a project, the following action was taken:

"It was moved by Irene Altstadt and seconded by Betty Snow that the Clatsop County Historical Advisory Committee recommend to the Board of County Commissioners that the Committee complete the Astoria Pioneer Cemetery job by putting up \$150.00, which will be added to the \$150.00 from the City of Astoria, plus the balance of over \$200.00 from Dr. Ed Harvey. The Motion carried, with George Fulton and Bill Foster voting NO."

*Helen C. Griffith*  
(Mrs.) Helen C. Griffith, Secretary  
Clatsop County Historical Advisory  
Committee



March 15, 1971

The meeting of the Clatsop County Historical Advisory Committee convened at 7:30 o'clock P. M. in the office of the Board of County Commissioners, Court House, Astoria.

Meeting called to order by the Chairman, Ed Harvey.

Present were: George Fulton, Clarence Sigurdson, Margaret Green, Dorothy Wootton, Russell Bristow, Betty Snow, Travis Tyrrell, Eli McConkey, Bill Foster, Ed Harvey, and Helen C. Griffith.

Also attending were Paul Haertel from Fort Clatsop National Memorial, Irene Tyrrell, and Russell Dark.

It was moved by George Fulton and seconded by Bill Foster that the minutes of February 15, 1971 be accepted as presented. Motion carried.

Secretary informed that the correct spelling of point in Cannon Beach is Meriwether.

The recommendation of the Historical Advisory Committee to the Board of County Commissioners was denied by the Board, with reference to participation, financially, in the completion of tree planting and fencing of the Astoria Pioneer Cemetery. Chairman Ed Harvey had been made aware of this result and had talked with several individuals with the result that \$125.00 is needed to complete the work at the cemetery. Dr. Harvey is confident that these necessary funds will be received shortly.

Dr. Harvey reported that the trees were planted a week ago today. The small trees were planted by the City with instructions from Ed Harvey as to proper method of doing same. Chuck Wood of Crown Zellerbach stated that for the first year or two the trees would be brown, but they are not dead, just dormant. They will come back.

The Advisory Committee on Memberships - Eli McConkey, Carl Labiske, and Irene Altstadt, have not met as yet but will be getting together soon.

Dr. Paul Sullivan owns property where Austin House stood, according to Margaret Green and Betty Snow. They did not know if Sullivans would allow marker at corner of property or not since they have not attempted to talk with Dr. Sullivan.

Betty Snow mentioned that Adair Point is one south of Hug Point, second is Meriwether, and third is Austin Point and Austin Rock. A marker could be made at the trail going to the beach. These points were named by Mr. Samuel Adair and Betty and Margaret will get the exact dates on these. Betty Snow says she will get the information on these and have them ready for the next meeting. Chairman Ed Harvey suggested that Betty write to Wendell Wyatt, asking for his cooperation in getting the information from the post office department for us.

Travis Tyrrell said that the area was all surveyed in 1891. The County Engineer should probably have a copy of the field notes. Betty Snow will contact the engineer's office for information.



Discussion was held, among the members, on the history of the court house, its erection and completion.

At last Lewis & Clark meeting they did hold off nominating any further people until our committee is further established. At the moment just standing still.

Bill Foster is to show Clarence Sigurdson where the Pease house is located at Skipanon.

Margaret Green and Eli McConkey to look into the records with reference to the first court house, as to the place where it was built, etc.

Paul Haertel said there was no damage done to Fort Clatsop National Memorial or buildings from the recent storms. There was just cleanup work to be done and this the staff will be doing during the summer months. There are extra people put on the staff during the summer.

Mr. Haertel explained that they dress one of the rangers in the buckskin and he explains the use of the muskets, as used by Lewis & Clark, and gives a demonstration. They have had fifty to seventy-five people at each demonstration, with about seven presentations per day. They have done this on the weekends in the past, but will attempt to do this on an expanded basis during the coming year. Travel has been quite good, with 116,000 visitors last year and with the present indications, close to 140,000 visitors this year. They will probably need more signs to point the way to the Fort. It was felt that they should change the type of sign also, to explain to travelers what Fort Clatsop is.

Genevieve Butterfield Young (Mrs. Tom Young) had written many historical volumes and Margaret Green said that when Mrs. Young would have had them in a finished state, she had wanted them to go to the Clatsop County Historical Society.

There being no further business to come before the membership at this time, the meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

*Helen C. Griffith*  
(Mrs.) Helen C. Griffith, Secretary



April 19, 1971

The April meeting of the Clatsop County Historical Advisory Committee was called to order by Chairman pro tem Bill Foster. Chairman Ed Harvey is in Palm Springs and Vice Chairman George Fulton is attending a special meeting of the Port, but will try to come later.

In attendance were: Russell Dark, Eli McConkey, Travis and Irene Tyrrell, Russell Bristow, Dorothy Wootton, Margaret Green, Ned Thorndike, Bill Foster, and Helen Griffith. George Fulton arrived near the end of the meeting.

It was moved by Eli McConkey and seconded by Russell Bristow that the minutes of the March 15, 1971 meeting be accepted as presented. Motion carried.

Margaret Green mentioned that on the landing of the stairway going upstairs in the Flavel Mansion is a very clear good picture of the Court House. Margaret also brought along a picture of the jail.

Margaret Green reported that Betty Snow wrote to Morris Adair. Also, have written the U. S. Government, who has a film they would lend so we could check it for the dates of the various post offices.

The report from Betty Snow was read and will be incorporated in the minutes as a permanent part of the record.

The Committee discussed signs to be erected in the Cannon Beach area for Adair Point and the first post office. Funds are available in the Current county budget to pay for said signs.

Bill Foster forgot to ask the chairman of the Board of Commissioners about the signs for the Westport Tunnel; however, since the meeting the signs have been located.

Dorothy Wootton asked about the Stanley Store along the state highway. Miss Wootton wanted to know who had jurisdiction over it because it is such a disgrace and should be torn down and cleared away. It was also mentioned that Dr. Harvey had approached the Commission with the suggestion that if there is any legislation in the wind with reference to disreputable buildings along the highways being destroyed, he would be happy to get behind it and assist in any way he can.

Bill Foster feels we should go ahead with preparing signs for the Cannon Beach area. Russell Bristow suggested that a map be put on the marker, plus history or explanation of how the names were conceived. With reference to the Cannon Beach markers, the question was asked as to the size of the sign at the Westport Tunnel. Discussed the size with Russell Bristow. The matter should be discussed with the State Parks department on the size and type of signs which could be used. It was suggested that we find out from the Forestry Department who makes their signs and how they are done, as well as the price for same. Bill Foster will talk with Hiram Johnson about the best approach to make in getting the Parks Department to make the



signs for the Hug Point parking lot. Betty Snow to chair the committee with Travis Tyrrell to assist in preparing the legend for the marker for the post office.

It was moved by Dorothy Wootton and seconded by Margaret Green that the secretary write to Dr. Sullivan thanking him for permission to put up the marker. Motion carried.

The old North Pacific Brewery was mentioned. Bill Foster asked Ned Thorndike about it. Ned says his sister in law's father, John M. Kaup, built it. Mr. Thorndike's sister-in-law was Hattie Kaup.

George Fulton arrived and mentioned that May Miller is doing research on the building of the road to the Astoria Column. How did Coxcomb Hill get its name?

There being no further business to come before the Committee, the meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

*Helen C. Griffith*

(Mrs.) Helen C. Griffith, Secretary



May 17, 1971

The May meeting of the Clatsop County Historical Advisory Committee was called to order by the Chairman, Ed Harvey, at 7:30 P. M. in the office of the Board of County Commissioners, Court House, Astoria.

Those present were: Eli McConkey, Travis and Irene Tyrrell, Irene Altstadt, Betty Snow, Margaret Green, Dorothy Wootton, Arthur Dempsie, Clarence Sigurdson, Bill Foster, George Fulton, Ned Thorndike, Ed Harvey, and Helen C. Griffith. Also present were Commissioner Hiram Johnson and Russell Dark.

Ned Thorndike brought a large photo he had taken of Breakers Point in 1939. Mr. Thorndike says this is what we will lose if the condominiums are built.

At this point the secretary read the notes from the April 19 meeting.

Chairman Ed Harvey mentioned that the Parks Department does not do things of this sort, such as putting up signs or paying for them. It is the Governor's Committee or our own local committee which are responsible for placing markers. Such signs bear the State seal with an Eagle on top, either the small one or a large one like the one at the Westport Tunnel. The small one is the size used on the old homes.

Betty Snow presented information for the signs at Cannon Beach. It was suggested that the sign be erected at the foot of State Road at Hug Point.

Travis Tyrrell suggested that it might be better to put the sign about the post office on the highway, rather than at the Northwest corner of Dr. Sullivan's property.

Chairman Ed Harvey appointed Travis Tyrrell, Margaret Green, and Betty Snow to be a committee of three to work up the legends for the signs in the Cannon Beach area. After it is accepted by this committee in final form it would be presented to Arvid Wuonola for printing.

The committee members discussed a possible correction in the placement of signs at the Westport Tunnel. As they stand now it is very difficult to see them and the public has trouble in the viewing of the tunnel.

Russell Bristow has had surgery but is home again. He should be back with us before too long.

Russell Dark had mentioned receipt of a letter from one of the Riddle relatives, Mrs. Carlie Toney. She was born in Svenson in 1895 and is the granddaughter of Mrs. Riddle. Mrs. Toney lives in Portland and was quite interested in the information received on her grandmother. Mrs. Bert Lavadour is a great granddaughter of Mrs. Riddle and lives at 603 S. W. 2nd in Pendleton, Oregon.

Chairman Ed Harvey reported that the fence surrounding the Astoria Pioneer



Cemetery is finished. Dr. Harvey asked what those, who have seen it, thought about it. Several members mentioned having seen it and it was the opinion of those present that it looked well and gave the site a finished look.

Chairman Ed Harvey asked that letters be sent, with the thanks of the committee, to the following: John McGowan, Richard Jensen of Pacific Northwest Bell, Thompson's Astoria Granite Works, City of Astoria, the Parks and Recreation Department of the City of Astoria with Gil Gramson as superintendent, Mrs. May Miller and the Astoria Garden Club, Mrs. George Fulton for the work she had previously been responsible for, the Barbeys, Jim Scarborough, Edward Thompson, Tom Sandoz, and Irene Altstadt.

Dr. Harvey reported that the total cost of the fence at the cemetery was \$495.00.

Dr. Harvey had received a letter from May S. Miller, Secretary for the Clatsop County Historical Society, in which she mentioned having referred to the possibility of the Advisory Committee putting up a plaque in memory of John Chitwood. Mrs. Miller states that on Mr. Chitwood's gravestone in the Astoria Pioneer Cemetery is carved the inscription "John Chitwood, Father of Coxcomb Hill Park". According to the old records in the Clatsop County Court House, Mr. Chitwood died May 26, 1920 at the age of 80 years. He was born in 1840. Mrs. Miller asked if such a plaque, as a memorial, should not be placed near the Park Project he had sponsored. Chairman Ed Harvey said that he would ask May Miller to come to the next meeting of the Advisory Committee and speak to the members on Coxcomb Hill Park marker.

Dorothy Wootton, was appointed Chairman, to work with George Fulton and May Miller, with reference to marking the Coxcomb Hill Park.

Margaret Green mentioned to the Committee that she has a complete listing of all those buried in the Clatsop Plains Pioneer Cemetery, and will bring a copy for our files and provide one for George Fulton.

Margaret Green had Hannah Adair Rogers' history of the Adair family. Mrs. Rogers is 90 years old and lives in Delaware, and is writing the information on the family and sending it in installments to Margaret. A copy of the installments will be kept in the Advisory Committee records. Perhaps some day a marker can be put up there where the first customs house stood. Russell Dark told of a fight between Mr. Adair and Mr. McClure regarding the customs house.

Hiram Johnson will find out who owns the triangle piece of ground where the customs house stood, and will bring the information back to the committee.

Chairman Ed Harvey said that perhaps a committee of Margaret Green, Hiram Johnson, and Ed Harvey can get something started.

The Customs House is about 600 feet North of the triangle, but their home was just about in that triangle.



The Commissioners had received a letter from Governor Tom McCall advising that he had signed into law House Bill 1257, establishing the American Revolution BiCentennial Commission of Oregon.

Clarence Sigurdson mentioned Gasaway Island being about  $\frac{1}{2}$  of a mile below Pease's landing. It is not where the piling is driven. The original dock is about 150 yards further South of the present site mentioned. Chairman Ed Harvey asked Clarence Sigurdson to look into this matter and bring the information back to the committee.

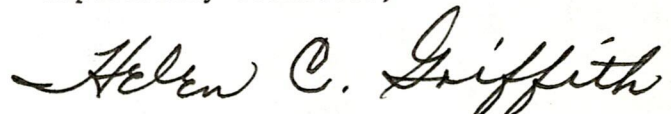
A discussion was held with reference to placing a plaque on the old Dan K. Warren home. It was felt that it was quite rundown, but Clarence Sigurdson will check into this matter and report back to the committee.

George Fulton again reported on the status of the Astoria Fire marker.

Eli McConkey reported that the membership committee will meet before the next meeting and report in June. This committee consists of Carl Labiske, Eli McConkey, and Irene Altstadt.

There being no further business to come before the committee, the meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Helen C. Griffith". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned above the typed name.

(Mrs.) Helen C. Griffith, Secretary



June 21, 1971

The meeting of the Clatsop County Historical Advisory Committee convened at 7:30 o'clock P. M. in the office of the Board of County Commissioners, Court House, Astoria.

Meeting called to order by the Chairman, Ed Harvey.

Present were: Clarence Sigurdson, Margaret Green, Dorothy Wootton, Dr. Ed Harvey, Ned Thorndike, Russell Dark, George Fulton, and Helen C. Griffith.

Also present for the evening was a guest, J. O. Byron from Seaside.

It was moved by George Fulton and seconded by Dorothy Wootton that the minutes of the May 17, 1971 meeting be accepted as corrected. Motion carried.

Clarence Sigurdson introduced J. O. Byron, an accountant in Seaside, to the membership. Mr. Byron stated that he had brought several items of historical interest to the meeting for the committee members to view. Mr. Byron collects old newspaper items and will eventually give the important ones away to different museums.

Mr. Sigurdson had asked Commander Asquith to attend the meeting tonight but the commander was unable to do so at this time. Commander Asquith was in the Coast Guard.

Dorothy Wootton reported on Chitwood and suggested that a marker be placed at the top of Coxcomb Hill. Miss Wootton met with May Miller and George Fulton in Mr. Fulton's office. It was suggested by George Fulton that some civic group might become interested in this marker and take it on as a project. George Fulton will go ahead and see to the completion of the marker, bringing the progress of his work to the committee.

Ned Thorndike to take up the matter of placement of the marker on Coxcomb Hill with the city officials.

Clarence Sigurdson will further pursue the matter of the D. K. Warren house.

The Westport Tunnel came under discussion again. The members discussed the signs and the poor condition of the tunnel floor. George Fulton says the tunnel is privately owned.

It was moved by George Fulton and seconded by Margaret Green that the attached lists of suggested members for the Clatsop County Historical Advisory Committee be presented to the Board of County Commissioners as a recommendation from said committee for an Order of the Board to correct and add to the membership of the Historical Advisory Committee. Motion carried.

Margaret Green presented the roughed out sign by Arvid Wuonola, giving the membership an idea of the sign to be placed at the State Park near Austin Point.

Mrs. Green explained that a copy is to go to Dave Talbot, being delivered to



him by Ed Harvey. Also, said Mrs. Green, can we put up the sign temporarily or permanently or would the State Parks Department like to put it up on our markers or on theirs? If someone should come from the Portland office, call Mrs. Green. The sign will be three by five feet in size. Any unnecessary words will be deleted, the arrows will be shortened and legends condensed.

Clarence Sigurdson mentioned that he and his wife went through the museum in Vernonia and suggested that anyone having a chance to do so should take advantage of the opportunity and go through it also.

At this point the meeting recessed while those present enjoyed a few of Mr. Byron's favorite poems, which had been written by him and which he also read.

Ed Harvey reported on plans which are being made, working toward the bi-centennial of the Lewis & Clark Expedition. He stated that the IED is preparing a kit, available to teachers, for grades 4 through 6, in teaching Lewis & Clark to the students. The kit will also contain slides, transparencies, maps and charts of Clatsop, artifacts, a guide for the teacher, and several guides for the students. The material for the kits will cost \$100.00 - 2 teachers for \$50.00 each (teachers will work on all of the material to go into the kits). Dr. Harvey suggested that the Advisory Committee provide the \$200.00 required. This matter was taken under advisement as there is some question as to whether or not the Advisory Committee could recommend that the County expend such an amount from county funds.

Margaret Green presented information on the triangular piece of land near Hauke's store, as being the spot where the first custom house was built. It was suggested that a placque or a bench be put up at this spot. George Fulton recommended that the matter be presented to the County Commission for negotiation with the City of Astoria to see what can be done about a marker being established at the site of the First Custom House. The committee was in agreement with the said recommendation.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

*Helen C. Griffith*

(Mrs.) Helen C. Griffith, Secretary



It was moved by George Fulton and seconded by Margaret Green that the attached lists of suggested members for the Clatsop County Historical Advisory Committee be presented to the Board of County Commissioners as a recommendation from said committee for an Order of the Board to correct and add to the membership of the Historical Advisory Committee. Motion carried.

(The above action was taken at the June 21, 1971 meeting of the Clatsop County Historical Advisory Committee.)



Recommended for ACTIVE membership in Historical Advisory Committee:

Arthur S. Dempsie	Astoria
George C. Fulton	Astoria
Mrs. George J. (Irene) Altstadt	Gearhart Palisades
Russell G. Bristow	Taylorville
Eli McConkey	Youngs River
William M. Foster	Astoria
Dr. Ed Harvey	Astoria
A. N. Thorndike	Astoria
Dorothy Wootton	Astoria
Margaret Green	Astoria & Arch Cape
Clarence Sigurdson	Seaside
Travis Tyrrell	Arch Cape
Mrs. Berkeley H. (Betty) Snow	Arch Cape
Russell Dark	Astoria
Helen C. Griffith	Astoria

Recommended for ADVISORY capacity to committee:

Lawrence Rogers	Hammond
Richard T. Carruthers, Jr.	Warrenton - Hammond
Jack Sutfin	Westport area
Trygve Duoos	Astoria
Carl Labiske	Astoria
Kenneth Neff	Seaside
Fred Ober	Gearhart
George M. Radich	Astoria

As set out in the original Order setting up the Clatsop County Historical Advisory Committee and appointing the first committee members, the following listing of ex-officio members were set out. We assume these individuals shall continue to be included as ex-officio members of the Committee:

Governor of the State of Oregon  
Chairman of the State Highway Commission  
Local State Senator and Local State Representative  
Director of the Oregon Historical Society  
Superintendent of Fort Clatsop National Memorial and  
Presidents of various Chambers of Commerce within Clatsop County.

Of course, this includes the members of the Board of County Commissioners who serve in ex-officio capacity on all committees appointed by said Board.

One member of each City Council in County to serve as liaison official.



Recommended for active membership in Historical Advisory Committee:

Arthur S. Dempsie ✓  
George C. Fulton ✓  
Mrs. George J. (Irene) Altstadt ✓  
Russell G. Bristow ✓  
Eli McConkey ✓  
William M. Foster ✓  
Dr. Ed Harvey ✓  
A. N. Thorndike ✓  
Dorothy Wootton ✓  
Margaret Green ✓  
Clarence Sigurdson ✓  
Travis ~~and Irene~~ Tyrrell ✓  
Mrs. Berkeley H. (Betty) Snow ✓  
Russell Dark ✓  
Helen C. Griffith ✓

Recommended for advisory capacity to committee:

Lawrence Rogers ✓  
~~Edw. A. Beard~~  
Richard T. Carruthers, Jr. ✓  
~~Mrs. Andrew (Katie M.) Marincovich~~  
~~Brian Davis~~ ✓  
Jack Sutfin ✓  
Trygve Duoos ✓  
~~David T. McClean~~  
Carl Labiske ✓  
Kenneth Neff ✓  
~~John R. Catlin~~  
~~Bill Puustinen~~  
Fred Ober ✓

*George M. Radich*

Ex-officio members of Historical Advisory Committee:

Governor of the State of Oregon  
Chairman of the State Highway Commission  
Local State Senator  
Local State Representative  
Director of the Oregon Historical Society  
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Presidents of various Chambers of Commerce within Clatsop County

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November 22, 1971

The Clatsop County Historical Advisory Committee meeting was called to order by the Chairman, Dr. Ed Harvey.

In attendance were the following members: Ned Thorndike, George Fulton, Trygve Duoos, Arthur Dempsie, Dorothy Wootton, Margaret Green, Dr. Ed Harvey, Eli McConkey, and Helen C. Griffith.

The secretary reported no meeting was held in October due to a lack of quorum. Members who appeared in October were Dorothy Wootton, Margaret Green, Bill Foster, Russell Dark, and Helen Griffith. There were a number of members who were ill or who had ailing family members and a number of the members were out of town.

A letter of resignation was received from Betty Snow, with explanation of her reason for needing to become inactive in the committee. The Committee accepted the resignation of Betty Snow, with a letter to go to her accepting her wishes but asking her to remain on in an advisory capacity, receiving copies of the minutes but not being asked to attend the meetings unless she should feel she wishes to do so.

Ed Harvey said he had had three calls with requests for burial in the Astoria Pioneer Cemetery at the top of the hill.

Mrs. George Fulton of the Astoria Garden Club had asked for permission to put a bush in, just inside the entrance to the cemetery. Dr. Harvey also said that several people have mentioned plantings in the cemetery. The matter will be considered and a proper plan made for plantings.

Ed Harvey talked with Dick and Denny Thompson about the possibility of putting in a couple of benches on either side of the entrance to the Astoria Pioneer Cemetery, possibly in granite. Dr. Harvey said that if anyone had suggestions, please let him know or bring it up at the meeting.

Arthur Dempsie thought that perhaps shrubs would be a hindrance to the upkeep of the grounds.

Dr. Harvey mentioned that the City had closed the cemetery to further burials in the early 1900's, so further burials are impossible, but it was interesting to have people that much interested.

Chairman Ed Harvey said that if there were no objections from the Committee, he would go ahead and ask Dick and Denny Thompson for prices of such benches.

It was mentioned, at this time, that Ned Thorndike and Dick Thompson are members of the Parks and Recreation Committee for the City of Astoria and this matter should come before said committee. A discussion followed on the possible vandalism of improvements, but it was felt that thus far we have been very fortunate and perhaps the addition of benches would not be disturbed.

Arthur Dempsie mentioned that he had read, recently, an article with reference to a spray available to protect the surfaces of monuments and markers, but was unable to recall the name of the product.



We have heard nothing further from Mr. Stiles on Hug Point.

Chairman Ed Harvey referred to Coues narration of the Lewis & Clark Expedition and the Thwaite narration of the Lewis & Clark Expedition, which can be found in the library.

Arthur Dempsie mentioned that on the hill, up from the old Knappa depot, there was an old hotel. Eli McConkey said there was a logging company there and an old hotel, bank, and everything. Mr. McConkey wondered if it might have been Larkin & Green. They worked in that area somewhere.

George Fulton asked about the marker for Mr. Chitwood. Mr. Fulton had talked with Dick Thompson, who said we should get our information from the Parks and Recreation Committee for the City of Astoria, through Ned Thorndike, before we go ahead with anything on a marker for Mr. Chitwood. Chairman Ed Harvey asked Ned Thorndike if he would mention it to the Parks and Recreation Committee the next evening and George Fulton also asked Mr. Thorndike if he would do this for our committee.

The members of the committee congratulated Dr. Ed Harvey on his recent appointment. Dr. Harvey said his committee was meeting again on January 11, 1972 and will go ahead with the program about American History for the American home through the PTA's and the children's books.

Margaret Green mentioned having had another letter from Hannah Adair. Arthur Dempsie mentioned that Eric Hauke was interested in seeing that information be gathered on this piece of ground to see what can be done toward seeing the first custom house being recognized.

Trygve Duoos said that the Adairs and Shively graves were West of the place where the newest First Lutheran Church was built.

Ed Harvey mentioned that there is a state highway marker just beyond the triangle, that points out the first custom house site.

Trygve Duoos mentioned that the graves of the Adairs and Shivelys had been removed, probably thirty years before the new church was built. At the time this was done, Trygve Duoos mentioned he and the other youngsters in the neighborhood noticed a bright piece of metal (probably silver), laying on the ground and the kids kicked it around, not knowing what it was. Mr. Duoos also mentioned that the morticians Pohl and Gilbaugh had charge of the removal of the graves.

It was moved by Dorothy Wootton and seconded by Margaret Green that the minutes of the previous meeting be approved as written. Motion carried.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned, with the December meeting to convene on December 13, the second Monday.

Respectfully submitted,

*Helen C. Griffith*  
Helen C. Griffith, Secretary



January 17, 1972

The Clatsop County Historical Advisory Committee meeting was called to order by the Chairman, Dr. Ed Harvey.

In attendance were the following members: Bill Foster, Carl Labiske, Russell Dark, Ed Harvey, Arthur Dempsie, Margaret Green, Clarence Sigurdson, Ned Thorndike, Russell Bristow, George Fulton, and Helen Griffith. Also in attendance was County Commissioner Hiram C. Johnson.

Margaret Green and Arthur Dempsie talked of the area where the first Custom House stood, including the triangle near Hauke's store.

Chairman Ed Harvey thought we might wait for a time on this matter and then approach Mr. Hauke again to see if he might be interested in letting the property go.

There being no questions on the minutes of the previous meeting, the chairman stated the minutes would be accepted as presented.

George Fulton stated that the Chitwood matter had been turned over to the City of Astoria. It is to be presented before the Parks and Recreation Committee of the City of Astoria.

Upon a question from one of the members, it was mentioned that Mike Hediger's wife is the present head of the Astoria Garden Club.

Ed Harvey mentioned that he had talked with Gil Gramson of the City of Astoria about shrubs at the Pioneer Cemetery.

Dr. Harvey suggested that Ned Thorndike get in touch with Gil Gramson.

Ned Thorndike said that Dick Thompson is Chairman of the city Parks and Recreation Committee.

George Fulton will get in touch with Dick Thompson and Ed Harvey asked Ned Thorndike to talk with the Parks Committee and bring a report back to us in February.

Chairman Ed Harvey asked about the Astoria Fire marker, and George Fulton says the matter is still in the hands of the bank officials and Dick Thompson is working on this with them. Bill Foster suggested that we really get hot on this Astoria Fire placque.

Arthur Dempsie says it would be nice if this could be dedicated at the 50th Anniversary of the Astoria Fire, and Russell Bristow agreed this would be a proper time.

Clarence Sigurdson reported that the D. K. Warren house matter is as it was previously. He talked with the owner, who is not interested in a marker on the D. K. Warren house at the present time and does not want such a marker until it is in better condition. This conversation took place about three or four months ago. Marshall Leathers owns the home. Mr. Sigurdson says it looks in pretty rundown condition. Hiram Johnson and Ed Harvey thought perhaps a sign alongside the mooring basin would be a good spot.



Clarence Sigurdson is to ask if we couldn't put up one sign at the road to mark the property with a narrative.

Commissioner Hiram Johnson brought up the old hotel at Knappa. Says the old Knappa bank vault is still standing. Mr. Johnson says it would be nice to place a marker on the vault to bring this part of history to the public's attention.

Margaret Green brought the marker tonight for the Cannon Beach Post Office. Dr. Harvey thought we should have a little public dedication of the placing of the marker. Following a short discussion on the matter, Margaret Green suggested we hold off until the weather turns better. Mrs. Green suggested that perhaps the matter might be turned over to the Cannon Beach Historical Society for completion and carrying of the dedication. Mrs. Green will check with Betty Snow, of the Cannon Beach Historical Society. This was enthusiastically received by the members.

Chairman Ed Harvey asked Russell Bristow about the Westport Tunnel. Mr. Bristow says it has been cleaned out by the road crews and the drainage has been taken care of; however, the signs are not up as yet. We have the signs and they have been paid for, it just remains to put them up.

Carl Labiske asked about the alders that are being removed from the area around the tunnel. It has cleared the area so the tunnel is more easily seen.

Russell Dark mentioned that the diary of Mrs. Riddle is going to be published about a year from now - possibly in September.

Clarence Sigurdson asked about Tom Young's writings. Mr. Sigurdson says he read in the paper where Tom Young had donated a lot of this material to the Seaside library. Mrs. Young's father was named Butterfield. Mrs. Young was interested in Clatsop County history and had been gathering material for a book. Tom Young married Genevieve Butterfield. It was mentioned that Mr. Butterfield had invented a sextant which is now in the Columbia River Maritime Museum.

Clarence Sigurdson is going to stop in at the Seaside library to check on the material.

Deskin Bergey is taping remarks of the old timers in the county, getting down some bits of history which will be lost when these people have passed away. The Astoria Rotary Club has this project and Dan Webster is heading this committee.

Clarence Sigurdson brought up Quincy Robinson's wife's sister, who is over the age of 90, if still living. Says she has a wealth of local information. Mr. Sigurdson mentioned he had marked the spot where the Cairnsmore is buried, but the signs have since been removed. Mr. Sigurdson says you would have to go down about fifteen feet before you would find the yard arm. The Cairnsmore is located about one mile from the



ocean. Jay Coffey and Clarence Sigurdson went down to check the location of the ship. Mr. Sigurdson says that Commander Asquith has some pictures of the Cairnsmore and the Peter Iredale. Mr. Sigurdson will see Sam Foster about reproducing the pictures for us.

Chairman Ed Harvey mentioned the marker on the points at Cannon Beach.

Margaret Green said if we have heard nothing it must still be in the hands of Mr. Stiles. Ed Harvey will check on same.

Arthur Dempsie mentioned the Black Bridge. Thought if this organization would write to the Highway Commission they would put a sign on it. Mr. Dempsie also thought the little park this side of it could be called "Black Bridge Park". The bridge was made of steel and painted black. There is another bridge in there now called the Red Bridge; however, the Red Bridge is now gone. This is where Dr. Parcher lives at Peterson Point.

This was the first bridge down there called the Black Bridge.

Commissioner Hiram Johnson brought up the old County Road No. 70, which is not being used but has come to the attention of the County Commission lately because a new resident, who came from California, has put a fence across the road to keep the elk out of his place.

Commissioner Hiram Johnson is to write a letter to the Highway Commission with reference to the Black Bridge.

Russell Dark mentioned that he is looking for the county's oldest building.

Russell Bristow mentioned the holly tree at Clifton, but hasn't yet gotten around to doing anything about it. The said holly tree came around the Horn in Captain Cook's vessel. Dr. Harvey suggested that Russell Bristow carry though on this matter.

Russell Dark mentioned he has the complete legend and will put it together for us. Allen Cellars had promised to get the information for Russell Bristow.

Arthur Dempsie mentioned the Japanese Kiahki tree that had stood at Dean Man's curve and said that though it is gone the stump is still there and there is a small sprout coming out of this again. Feels we should keep an eye on it for it was quite a land mark.

It was suggested by Ed Harvey that as of the next meeting we bring up the following:

1. House identification committee.
2. Two benches for the Pioneer Cemetery in Astoria.
3. Cemetery committee to work with whatever group is developed by the committee.
4. Bring to next meeting a new program for this coming year - an aim of the committee.



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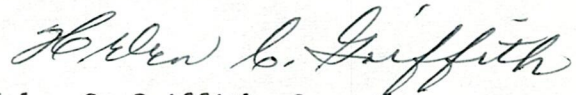
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Commissioner Hiram Johnson said that when the youth program gets underway this summer the young people could go to work in brushing out the area around the Holly Tree and Redwood Tree at Clifton.

Clarence Sigurdson mentioned that Solomon Smith and Celiast Smith mission was an old Methodist Mission. Helen Griffith to check with the old church records to see if the Methodist Church had a mission in this area in the early days.

There being no further business to come before the committee, the meeting adjourned until February 21st at 7:30 P. M.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Helen C. Griffith". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned above the printed name of the signatory.

Helen C. Griffith, Secretary



February 23, 1972

The Clatsop County Historical Advisory Committee meeting was called to order by the Chairman, Ed Harvey.

In attendance were the following members: Ned Thorndike, Arthur Dempsie, Russell Bristow, Russell Dark, Ed Harvey, Dorothy Wootton, Margaret Green, Eli McConkey, and Helen Griffith; George Fulton, and Bill Foster arrived about 8:00 P. M., having attended meetings previous to the Advisory Committee meeting.

Also in attendance were Ex-officio member Hiram C. Johnson, County Commissioner; Bill Puustinen, a friend of the committee; and Dick Thompson of Thompson's Astoria Granite Works.

Chairman Ed Harvey, immediately upon opening the meeting, introduced Dick Thompson to the committee members, informing the committee that Mr. Thompson had three items to bring before the members for thought and discussion.

Dick Thompson informed the members that the three items to be considered are:

1. The Astoria Fire marker.
2. The matter of an appropriate marker in memory of John Chitwood, the "father of Coxcomb Hill Park".
3. The possibility of providing benches, as memorials, in the Astoria Pioneer Cemetery.

Mr. Thompson presented the Astoria Fire marker proposal, with mentioning a possible mini park in the parking lot of the First National Bank. Mr. Thompson suggested that the Weinhard Hotel Portals be placed in this area also, with the memorial on the fire in the archway. (This matter had previously been brought to the attention of the membership by George Fulton, one of our sub committee members, appointed by Chairman Ed Harvey some time ago, to look into an appropriate marker or plaque on the Astoria Fire.) The First National Bank people are interested to the point of our submitting a plan.

Dick Thompson said he has not had time for such a thing as yet and suggested that a plaque be made to go on the wall by the Astoria Office Supply now, as a temporary measure, until we know the feelings of the First National Bank on the matter of the marker in their parking lot. It has been pretty well established that the Beehive Department Store was the place where the Astoria Fire started, and this is in the area where the Astoria Office Supply now stands.

If, in the future, this memorial at the First National Bank evolves, we could remove the plaque and place it in that memorial and it would not be too expensive.

It was suggested that a stone in the sidewalk be made as a memorial plaque. Mr. Thompson suggested that perhaps the county road crew could look at the Weinhard Hotel portals in the City Park, as well as, Brown, Brown, & Grider.

Chairman Ed Harvey suggested that Dick Thompson contact the powers that be at the First National Bank to see what their feelings are and where they stand.



Commissioner Hiram Johnson and County Engineer Harold Olsvick will go to City Park next week and measure the portals and see if it is feasible to move it. Dick Thompson mentioned that he will go along with the two men.

In discussing the matter of the moving of the Weinhard Hotel portals to the City Park, Arthur Dempsie thought it had been a project of the Kiwanis Club and it was felt the Kiwanis Club would cooperate in such a project. Russell Bristow will check with the Kiwanis members in next day or two.

With reference to a marker for John Chitwood, Dick Thompson says it has been difficult to find out the history on John. The grave stone was purchased in 1936 from Thompson's Astoria Granite Works, and the paper was signed by W. T. Eakin, as near as could be figured out, since the signature was not too clear.

Ned Thorndike mentioned that a house in the town of Chitwood, on the Alsea River, on the Southern Pacific line, between Corvallis and Toledo, was about all that is left in the town, now abandoned and deserted. The house, though abandoned, is there and full of materials. Secretary will write to the Historical Societies in Benton and Lincoln Counties. Mr. Thorndike had information that Geo. T. Smith wrote in 1925 that the station and post office were named for Joshua Chitwood, who lived near the site when the railroad was built between 1881-1885, and Mr. Thorndike thought perhaps we might be able to get a lead on information that would fill in the background for Astoria's John Chitwood.

Eli McConkey mentioned that he knew of the building of the road to the Astor Column and the digging of the ground for placing of the column. When the digging first took place, they found the base would not be entirely on solid ground, so re-dug the base and this time it was centered directly on solid ground. Mr. McConkey said George T. McClean, engineer, would have information on statistics regarding the column and Frank Hildebrand was familiar with putting the road in to the top of Coxcomb Hill.

Dick Thompson suggested the following to the committee; with reference to marker on Coxcomb Hill:

1. The base of the column, which is cement, if you will notice, is beginning to crack and show the effects of the years of being open to the elements. He suggested that the square concrete base be covered with solid granite so the elements cannot harm it; however, this would come to a cost of approximately \$20,000. Mr. Thompson said it would be done in unpolished and unfinished type of granite. The trajan column is Roman in nature. Then Mr. Thompson mentioned that there could be engraved on this base all related facts to Coxcomb Hill, stopping any further additions to the hill. This would make the hilltop look clean and not cluttered, as it is beginning to appear now.

- 1A. Mr. Thompson said that on July 4, 1976 we would be celebrating the 200th anniversary of this country's founding, and this would be an ideal time for dedication



of the new column. This would give a definite goal or time period, and though it seems like a lot of time just now, it really will pass rather swiftly.

2. If we cannot go this route, then Mr. Thompson suggests that we put a marker or placque on the base of the column, as it stands.

Dick Thompson has talked with a man from New York University, with reference to preservation of monuments, who will come to Astoria at only the barest of expense money.

Chairman Ed Harvey broke in with the following:

Started a movement, with Tom Vaughan, State Historian, that we make this area, all of Clatsop County, be designated by Congress "an historic district".

This would use federal, state, and some local funds to develop the same. Dr. Harvey has spoken with Bob Packwood also, who agrees with Ed. No later than 1976 we would be "an historic district".

Dr. Harvey read a letter from Peter C. Murphy from Eugene. Interested in seeing that this is developed. Dr. Harvey has gone to the Highway Department also.

Dr. Harvey mentioned that the Liberty Bell is to have a building of its own. There is a movement afoot, back East in Philadelphia, now to do this. Dr. Harvey has said nothing as yet to our bi-centennial commission until things gel a bit more.

Commissioner Hiram Johnson said that two weeks ago he had a meeting with the Board of Directors of the hospital. They had two meetings with the State Parks Committee and the hospital is willing to give up the St. Mary's Hospital site as a part of Fort George, if we will go ahead and do something about it.

It was moved by Eli McConkey and seconded by Russell Bristow that this committee requests that the Congress of the United States designate Clatsop County as "an Historic District". Motion carried unanimously.

George Fulton asked if there would be any adverse effects by endorsing it at this stage and Bill Foster asked if it would be federally owned. Dr. Harvey answered "no" to both questions. Margaret Green asked about the upkeep of the areas and Dr. Harvey said this was one question he could not, at this time, answer.

The matter of the benches, suggested for the Astoria Pioneer Cemetery, was tabled and will be brought up at a later date.

Bill Puustinen mentioned to the committee that he feels Fort George should be set up properly and approved the suggestions of the other two projects. Mr. Puustinen mentioned that he had had guests come from Finland and other places, to visit him here, and wanted to see old Fort George. Mr. Puustinen said he was ashamed of the condition of the present marker and the guests were disappointed that it was not more elaborately memorialized.

Dr. Harvey asked each member to take his respective area of the county or city, whether we have marked it or not, and bring the information to the next meeting. The



sites, dates, etc. of Clatsop County history which might be a part of said "historic district". Would like to have everything by June at the latest.

The secretary mentioned the 125th Anniversary of the founding of the First Post Office West of the Rockies, and the celebration to be held on March 9, 1972, inviting all those interested to attend the luncheon as well as dropping in to visit the post office and have a cup of coffee later in the day.

Dr. Harvey mentioned that Mrs. Wilson Siegmund (Margaret) has discussed our committee with him and asked if she might be a member. Also, at this time, it was suggested that Fred Andrus should be asked to belong since he is so interested in things historical.

It was moved by Dorothy Wootton and seconded by Margaret Green that this committee recommend to the Board of County Commissioners that these two people, Mrs. Wilson Siegmund and Fred Andrus, be added to the Historical Advisory Committee. Motion carried.

Russell Bristow to bring a report to the next meeting on the trees and several other subjects in the Clifton area.

Chairman Ed Harvey presented a letter, to the committee, from Ed Parker with reference to the old Powell home. Mr. Parker wanted to know what was to be done with reference to marking his home. During a discussion on the matter it was noted that Mr. Parker asked Dr. Harvey to hold off, since the highway might go through there and the house must be moved. This is still a possibility. A letter will be written to Mr. Parker, reminding him of the details regarding the possible marking of his home.

Arthur Dempsie mentioned the clam beds near Seaside, and the excavations being made there by Mr. Drucker. The Committee members recalled the evening Mr. Drucker appeared before them and related his findings and showing those present some of the artifacts which had been found.

Dr. Harvey mentioned that Dr. Chuinard is writing a book on Lewis & Clark. He has not found anything about fish, clams, crabs, etc. in the Journal. If anyone has any information on these items, please let Dr. Harvey know about it.

Commissioner Hiram Johnson presented a copy of the first official publication, which tells the story of the old Forestry Building in Portland, to the Committee to be included in its records.

Dr. Harvey mentioned that Bill Van Dusen had talked with him about the Astoria Pioneer Cemetery.

Through recommendation of Commissioner Hiram Johnson and unanimous consent of the Advisory Committee, the secretary will prepare a letter of congratulations to be presented to Postmaster Dan Thiel, commemorating the 125th Anniversary of the founding of the



First Post Office West of the Rockies.

There being no further business at this time, Chairman Ed Harvey adjourned the meeting, stating that he would be away the month of March, but would return in time for the April meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Helen C. Griffith". The ink is dark and the handwriting is fluid.

(Mrs.) Helen C. Griffith,  
Secretary



March 20, 1972

The Clatsop County Historical Advisory Committee meeting was called to order by the Vice Chairman, George Fulton.

Today is the first day of spring, with the weather warm and sunny part of the day and overcast in the afternoon.

In attendance were the following members: Dorothy Wootton, Russell Dark, Bill Foster, Helen C. Griffith, Arthur Dempsie, Ned Thorndike, Clarence Sigurdson, Russell Bristow, and George Fulton, and Eli McConkey.

Also in attendance was Ex-officio member Hiram C. Johnson, County commissioner.

It was moved by Dorothy Wootton and seconded by Arthur Dempsie that the minutes of the meeting of February 23, 1972 be approved as presented. Motion carried.

George Fulton brought to the attention of the committee the matter of the establishment of An Historic District in Clatsop County, presenting the list of sites as given by Dr. Ed Harvey to the committee. Added to the list presented by Dr. Harvey, and which will become a part of the minutes of this committee, are the following: Indian Place in Seaside, the Bear Woman's Grave at Columbia Beach (offered by Clarence Sigurdson), Old Bill Hotel, Sailor's Grave at the Cove in Seaside, Old Military Road and Cemetery near Elsie, Ben Holladay house in Seaside, Lexington (site of the first County Seat), The Seaside dig and artifacts, The secretary will print copies of the list for all members. Members to check with residents in the Jewell and Elsie area. Members asked to search further for locations of interest and bring such information to the next meeting.

Clarence Sigurdson mentioned that the Sigurdson family lived in the old Coffinbury home during the year 1898.

Hiram Johnson mentioned that he would get in touch with Mrs. Slanger at Jewell and possibly Tommy Hopkins.

Russell Bristow was asked about the matter of the trees at Clifton. Mr. Bristow mentioned he had talked the matter over with Bumble Bee. They had decided that there is enough of the trees there and probably seedlings from the original tree, so that they might be marked. It will take a lot of work to prepare the area. It was mentioned that the original post office and first cannery were out on piling at Clifton. Mr. Bristow says there are still two piles of cans there where the cannery was located. Andrew Marincovich had told Mr. Bristow that it is just a few years ago since they quit cutting holly from the tree. Mr. Bristow stated that Bumble Bee is willing to cooperate in a restoration of the area for marking.

Members discussed the matter of possibly marking the area known as Astor Street, during the "hay day" of Astoria. This 'red light' district covered the area from 6th to 10th Streets. Also the matter of the shanghaiing done in the



early years, was discussed. Bill Foster mentioned that this practice continued until they kidnapped the Methodist Preacher and then it stopped.

It was suggested that Jim Kindred be asked about the B. C. Kindred homestead in Hammond.

Hiram Johnson and George Fulton are going to look for the cemetery on the old Dan Young place. There are perhaps eighteen graves located there.

Hiram Johnson asked Arthur Dempsie about the old Leahy home on the Sigfridson farm.

Dorothy Wootton mentioned the fact that there is an indian grave next to the old Tuttle house in Astoria.

When asked, Russell Bristow mentioned that he has not yet contacted the Kiwanis club, but will do so now that he has a copy of the minutes.

Hiram Johnson reported that the Weinhard Hotel portals had been examined and they can be moved should we so desire to do so.

Clarence Sigurdson mentioned that some of the round block of cement used in construction in Warrenton came from the balance of cement found in the old ship Cairnsmore.

There being no further business at this time, the meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

*Helen C. Griffith*  
(Mrs.) Helen C. Griffith, Secretary



Listing of Sites of Historical Interest in Clatsop County:

1. Site of Parker House, 25 9th Street, Astoria
2. Site of Occident Hotel, Astoria
3. Tongue Point Fort, Astoria area
4. Satsop Indian Village
5. Russian Point Village
6. Paper Mill - Youngs River Falls area
7. Bay Ferry Landing
8. Charley Gardens 1, 23
9. Tickly Smith site
10. Wreck of U. S. S. Shark, Cannon Beach
11. Elk Creek (Ekola)
12. Tillamook Head
13. Salt Cairn, Seaside
14. Cullaby Lake (Chief, grandson of red-head)
15. Neacoxie Creek (West from Cullaby)
16. Clatsop Plains Presbyterian Church 1846-50  
Lewis Thompson - W. H. Gray
17. Clatsop Plains Pioneer Cemetery  
Solomon Smith - Celiast Smith, daughter of Chief Coboway
18. Smith Mission - Jason Lee established
19. Marker denoting spot of Japanese shelling of Oregon Coast during WWII -1942
20. Peter Iredale - Ship grounded 1906
21. Point Adams Light House, on SW 40 acres of Ft. Stevens up to 1899  
Burned in 1912 after Tillamook Head and North Jetty Light
22. Ft. Stevens, 1860 with Columbia and Canby
23. Hammond, A. B. - Indian descendants
24. Warrenton - George Warren
25. Fort Clatsop (National Memorial)
26. Youngs Bay (?)
27. Astor Column
28. Fort Astoria & First Cemetery - John Day 1813, Don McTavish '14
29. First Post Office West of the Rockies - Established in 1847 by John M. Shively
30. First Customs House, established 1849 by John Adair  
Point between Leif Erickson Drive & Franklin Avenue
31. Flavel House & 14 others (?)
32. Tongue Point Naval Station
33. Knappa and Indian Houses
34. Clifton Holly Tree



Page Two of Listing of Sites of Historical Interest in Clatsop County:

35. Westport Tunnel
36. Astoria Pioneer Cemetery
37. Indian Place in Seaside
38. Bear Woman's Grave at Columbia Beach
39. Old Bill Hotel at Cannon Beach
40. Sailor's Grave at the Cove in Seaside
41. Old Military Road and Cemetery near Elsie
42. Site of Ben Holladay House in Seaside
43. Lexington (site of the first County Seat)
44. Seaside dig and artifacts



April 17, 1972

The Clatsop County Historical Advisory Committee meeting was called to order by the Vice Chairman, George Fulton. Chairman Ed Harvey had returned from Palm Springs, but found it necessary to attend a meeting in Seaside, conflicting in time with the Advisory Committee meeting.

In attendance were the following members: Bill Foster, Ned Thorndike, Russell Dark, Carl Labiske, Margaret Green, Dorothy Wootton, Russell Bristow, Clarence Sigurdson, George Fulton, and Helen Griffith. Also in attendance was Ex-officio member Hiram C. Johnson, County Commissioner.

George Fulton asked Commissioner Johnson about the recent meeting on the restoration of Fort Astoria. Commissioner Hiram Johnson represents the county interests on the committee, and he said, as to the article in the Daily Astorian, that the hospital does not want to expand any further and are going to tear down the St. Mary's hospital portion of Columbia Memorial, and then build additional space at the 16th Street edifice.

Commissioner Johnson said that first a letter will come to the City of Astoria and go to their Planning Commission. Mr. Johnson also mentioned that a portion of Fort Astoria (Fort George) site was where the offices of the St. Mary's Hospital now stand.

It was suggested that the committee write a letter to the City of Astoria, urging them, under their Parks Department, to take the necessary steps to undertake the restoration of Fort Astoria - to spearhead such a drive. This would come in the way of a recommendation from this committee.

A lively discussion was held on the possibilities of achieving such a goal.

It was moved by Dorothy Wootton and seconded by Carl Labiske that this committee urge the City of Astoria sponsor the project of reconstructing Fort Astoria. Motion carried.

It was moved by Clarence Sigurdson and seconded by Russell Bristow that the minutes be accepted as presented. Motion carried.

Bill Foster mentioned the extreme end of Tongue Point as a possibility for a park.

Russell Dark mentioned talking with Dick Thompson. Mr. Dark said he had communication from Wendell Wyatt that Tongue Point is now in the hand of the Department of Labor. Carl Labiske mentioned the pictures that Reuben Jensen had taken of the area. It was also mentioned that there are 117 tunnels underground at Tongue Point, which were ammunition storage spots.

The subject of the ASTORIA FIRE marker came before the committee. It was mentioned that Dick Thompson is still working with the bank on this matter. Since he knows the pillars can be moved he will now proceed.



It was mentioned by those present that Sunday, April 16, 1972 was the biggest day the Columbia River Bridge has had yet. They were putting through 400 campers per hour.

The committee discussed the brochures for advertising the history of our area. Carl Labiske says people want to know what we have to offer in information.

Russell Bristow mentioned he has not had an opportunity to speak with the Kiwanis Club about the Weinhard Hotel portals.

Dorothy Wootton mentioned possible marking of old Tagg home.

The old town hall of Lexington was mentioned again. It is still standing. It is an old home. Clarence Sigurdson said years ago it was owned by Charlie Norris.

Russell Bristow mentioned the historic site at Clifton. Bumble Bee would like to include store if we restore any of site. Suggested that Russell find out if they would be willing to set the property aside for park purposes by lease to the county. If this could be done, then it probably could be included in the county insurance. This would absolve Bumble Bee from any liability toward damages incurred.

It was mentioned again how nice the tunnel at Westport looks and Mr. Fulton thought perhaps we should use that same type of sign to mark the location for the WWII shelling at Delaura Beach.

It was moved by Dorothy Wootton and seconded by Clarence Sigurdson that we request the County Commission to authorize this committee to spend the amount of money necessary to have an appropriate marker for Fort Stevens, of a type that is at the Westport tunnel. Motion carried.

Carl Labiske asked if anyone had mentioned the markers at the old entrance to the City of Astoria. The committee discussed the matter and thought perhaps we should wait until the relocation of the highway has been accomplished.

It was suggested by Hiram Johnson that perhaps Carl Labiske should be a committee of one to promote this matter. George Fulton felt that perhaps Carl is too close to it, perhaps it should be someone else.

Several of the members discussed the pros and cons of the aluminum plant being built.

The May 15 meeting is to be held in Cannon Beach, with arrangements to be made at a later date.

Margaret Green mentioned that the dedication of the post office is under study and awaiting agreed time by Dr. Sullivan.

There being no further business to come before the committee, the meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

*Helen C. Griffith*  
(MRS.) Helen C. Griffith, Secretary



May 15, 1972

The Clatsop County Historical Advisory Committee meeting was called to order by the Chairman Ed Harvey, in the Chamber of Commerce meeting room in Cannon Beach.

Members present were: Clarence Sigurdson, Trygve Duoos, Helen Griffith, Ed Harvey, George Fulton, Irene Altstadt, Dorothy Wootton, Margaret Green, and Travis Tyrrell. Also present was ex-officio member Hiram C. Johnson.

Also present for the meeting were: Leon M. Settem, Tolovana Park; Ruth Harvey, Astoria; Irene Tyrrell, Box 116, Arch Cape; Viola Johnson, Rt.1, Box 642, Astoria; Bob Gilmore, Box 81, Cannon Beach; Mr. & Mrs. Steven Desmond, Box 603, Cannon Beach; Mr. and Mrs. Walter E. Church, Box 52, Arch Cape; Mr. & Mrs. Jesse Brownrigg, Box 575, Cannon Beach; Verne Bright, Tolovana Park; Barbara Watkins, president Cannon Beach Historical Society, Telephone 436-2235, Box 325, Cannon Beach 97110; Betty Church, 30 - 9th Ave., Seaside 97138; Don R. Church, 30-9th Ave., Seaside 97138; and Margaret D. Sroufe, Box 33, Cannon Beach, 97110.

Chairman Ed Harvey introduced the committee members to those present.

Margaret Green read the letter of invitation to the dedication of the marker on the first Cannon Beach Post Office, which dedication is to be held on May 29, 1972 at 2:30 P. M.

Margaret Green mentioned the sign proposed to be placed at the Hug Point parking area to designate to tourists and others who do not know the three points very close to the Hug Point parking area. So far she has heard nothing from Mr. Stiles.

Chairman Ed Harvey showed a drawing of some bench ideas which might be used in the Astoria Pioneer Cemetery.

George Fulton had heard nothing further on John Chitwood. The matter is before the Parks Committee of Astoria, thanks to Ned Thorndike. Dick Thompson is working on this matter so something will be done with reference to this matter.

The Smith Mission was mentioned. Clarence Sigurdson said he thought he could take Ed Harvey to the spot. Ned Thorndike could take Ed Harvey to this spot, according to George Fulton.

George Fulton and Hiram Johnson presented information on the archway of the Weinhard Hotel. They wanted Dick Thompson to come back to the bank with some sketches. George Fulton explained to the people present the purpose for the possible moving of these portals. The Weinhard Hotel entrance was approximately where the entrance to the Schooner is today.

Eli McConkey had told George Fulton he would not be able to attend the meeting and since that time Eli has been taken to a hospital in Portland, very ill.



Mrs. Betty Snow asked for a 4 x 4 post on which to place the dedication sign for the post office. Hiram Johnson said the post has been delivered to Mrs. Snow and Travis Tyrrell will take the matter from there.

Clarence Sigurdson suggested a sign in the street, which would mark the old D. K. Warren home in Warrenton. It was moved by Clarence Sigurdson and seconded by Dorothy Wootton that this matter of the D. K. Warren sign be done with Margaret Green and Dorothy Wootton preparing the legend. Motion carried.

Mr. Bob Gilmore of the Cannon Beach Historical Society, was introduced and asked if he wished to present anything to those present. Mr. Gilmore mentioned the Society had decided on two points:

1. The Point at which Lewis & Clark rendered the whale blubber into the oil, on the North side of Elk Creek. Ed Harvey asked if they could authenticate this placement, and Mr. Gilmore said that Mr. Frisbie had authenticated the location of the site. Ben Knight, City Councilman, says Mr. Frisbie had given him this information. The land has been filled since. Mr. Knight has drawn out the site for Bob Gilmore. Where the post should be is where a rock sea wall now stand, so no possibility of finding any remnants of the first marker.

Clarence Sigurdson thought bones dug out from beneath roots on the North side of the creek and about 1½ blocks West of the bridge and 150 feet East of the cabins out there were the whale bones from that whale rendered by Lewis and Clark. This was noticed by Clarence Sigurdson in the early 1920's.

Bob Gilmore said the stake was in the existing road right-of-way and they wondered if it was not still a public right-of-way. To Mr. Knight's knowledge this is still a public right-of-way although it appears to be privately owned property at the present time.

Ed Harvey said to get the details and check into it thoroughly and we will provide the marker. Dr. Harvey spoke of this since he is on the State Committee and he will call Mrs. Watkins at 436-2235 in order that he might reach Bob Gilmore.

2. Mr. Gilmore was not sure of the second point of interest the Cannon Beach Society was interested in working on, but believed it to be the cable markings on a tree at Indian Beach. He also talked of the Bills Hotel and Travis Tyrrell said they were speaking of putting up a historical marker.

Clarence Sigurdson presented the information on a brief summary of the Smithsonian sponsored excavations in the Seaside area with comments on the archeological resources of western Clatsop County, which was compiled by George Phebus and Robert M. Drucker in September of 1971. Copies of this article will be made by the secretary and mailed to the committee members, as well as forwarding



several copies to the Cannon Beach Historical Society.

Ed Harvey mentioned some of the interesting facts presented to him by Robert Drucker.

Leon Settem says there are shell beds showing up now, about twenty feet from Mr. Settem's approach to the beach. The question was asked about information on the shell mound in Ecola State Park, on the trail to Crescent Beach from the main Ecola parking road. Bob Gilmore said they found such a mound in the past year. A chunk of slide material broke away on the cliff, bring<sup>ing</sup> this mound to light. Bones were spread all the way down the hill. They found the major part of it by picking around on the bank. Ed Harvey will send Bob Drucker down to see Bob Gilmore.

Ed Harvey mentioned that the portals of the Weinhard Hotel are very beautiful. Irene Altstadt said the Weinhard Brewery people built the hotel in the first place, which is why it was given that name.

George Fulton says they will be placed within fifty feet of the origin of the fire now.

Ed Harvey asked the Cannon Beach group to follow through on the two items they mentioned.

The secretary was asked to send copy of minutes regarding the tree to Bob Gilmore and Barbara Watkins, president of Cannon Beach Historical Society.

There being no further business to come before the meeting, the committee adjourned said meeting with George Fulton recognizing Hiram Johnson, who was celebrating his birthday that day.

Following the meeting a large birthday cake was presented and coffee and cake were enjoyed by all who attended.

Respectfully submitted,

*Helen C. Griffith*  
(Mrs.) Helen C. Griffith, Secretary



October 16, 1972

The October meeting of the Clatsop County Historical Advisory Committee convened in the County Commission chambers at 7:30 P. M. with the following in attendance:


Dorothy Wootton, Margaret Green, Russell Dark, Dr. Ed Harvey, and Helen C. Griffith. Ex-officio member Hiram C. Johnson was also present.

There were not enough members present to have a quorum and therefore, no business could be transacted during the evening. Chairman Ed Harvey mentioned the lack of a quorum and those present remained for a short period, discussing the committee and the work which needs to be accomplished.

The names of Al Fenton and George McClean were suggested as possible members for our committee.

Since no purpose could be accomplished in remaining longer than 8:00 A. M., suggestion was made by Russell Dark that we adjourn until November.

Respectfully submitted,

  
Helen C. Griffith, Secretary



November 20, 1972

The Clatsop County Historical Advisory Committee meeting was called to order by the Chairman, Dr. Ed Harvey.

In attendance were the following: Russell Bristow and Amelia Bristow, Dr. Ed Harvey, Commissioner Hiram C. Johnson, Helen Griffith, Russell Dark, Arthur Dempsie, Margaret Green, Dorothy Wootton, and George Fulton.

Secretary directed to correct the minutes of May 15, 1972 by including the name of Louise Fulton as a guest also.

It was moved by Dorothy Wootton and seconded by George Fulton that the minutes of May 15, 1972 be accepted as corrected. Motion carried.

Chairman Ed Harvey had for viewing a picture of the street where he lives and a medallion by the American Revolution Bi-centennial Commission.

Subject of location of Weinhard Hotel disputed by Arthur Dempsie. George Fulton said Weinhard Hotel either on same corner as southeast corner of Safeway Parking lot or one block North of there. Mr. Fulton will investigate the matter further. Possibility that moving the portals of the hotel to the corner by the bank is not possible, but Dick Thompson and George Fulton are looking into a possible site.

Chairman Ed Harvey asked Russell Dark to write an article, asking for early pictures to be brought into the County Commission office, which will be used as a repository for said items.

Dr. Harvey mentioned that the little Catholic Church in Hammond could be moved to another location and made into a "Chapel by the Sea" - denominational or interdenominational, as the case may be. The exterior and windows taken off before moving and after moving new siding be put on and windows replaced. Dr. Harvey mentioned he is waiting for a call from ;Chuck Bergerson, regarding moving of little church. The present owner of the property wishes the building to be removed. Mrs. Heffner, owner of property, wishes to give it to the Advisory Committee for the use of the county. Requesting Lots 1, 2, and 3, Block 7, First Addition to Kindred Park as a site.

Margaret Green suggested that perhaps it could be put in good enough repair that the Hammond Garden Club and others might pay a little bit for the use of it.

Dr. Harvey suggested that Russell Dark check into this matter a little further and give us a report on it at the next meeting.

Russell Dark will talk with Dick Carruthers about it and see what he can do. Hiram Johnson said Russell should get hold of Ed Mowick, as well as Dick Carruthers.

Chairman Ed Harvey asked for a brief report on meeting in library in July. Dorothy Wootton told of John Frisbie's visit. She thought that the things we were proud of he didn't think much of and he was wild about the county jail, saying it should never be destroyed. They traveled as far down as Betty Snow's.



Dorothy Wootton also told of the following day's meetings which she felt were unsuccessful. Miss Wootton thought Elizabeth Walton was especially interesting, and felt the meeting was well worth going to and was sorry there weren't more there. Miss Wootton said she felt the man from the Maritime Museum and librarian Bruce Berney were very negative.

Dr. Harvey said one thing brought to their attention was looking into old gardens. Dr. Harvey also mentioned that both Frisbie and Walton suggested that Mini Districts be developed; Historic Mini Districts.

Mr. Frisbie had mentioned that there must be some conformity of rehabilitation when forming the districts. Dr. Harvey said the exteriors of the houses should be the same as they were when built.

Chairman Ed said Robert Adair was here a couple of weeks ago. Margaret Green and Ed Harvey entertained him. Mr. Adair is 82 years of age and mentioned that he had lived in the old Adair homestead until he was five years of age. In 1935, '36, and '37 Mr. Adair said the mother's and father's bodies had been exhumed and buried in the Pioneer Cemetery, but they could not find any stones.

Roy Seeborg said that if this committee made the recommendation that the John Jacob Astor School be called the Adair School, this could probably be done.

Russell Dark stated that Hauke's Store is the oldest in Oregon, under the same management.

Ed Harvey went with Paulmer Henningsen to the headwaters of the Walluski river and he found the Fitcha grave. Put in well galvanized posted and chained fence. It looks very nice now and artificial flowers have been set in by someone.

The road to the Young cemetery is just past the Forestry building, near the old Andrew Young place and Grant Farm.

Ed Harvey said that each one of us should think about who we have on the committee now, have a nominating committee, and get a working, active committee that will continue.

Margaret Green reported had real good turnout for the dedication of the marker. The people who owned the property were rather pleased to have this done.

Ed Harvey mentioned that we had a letter from Robert J. Pryor, President of Cannon View Park Inc. stating they want to be assured that this marker will not be advertised in any periodicals so traffic will become heavy on this private road.

A letter was received from a bus driver, who had driven bus on a trip for the aged, commending us upon how nice our houses were kept and commenting upon what a lovely community we have.

Dr. Harvey presented several items he had received during the past summer.



Ed Harvey read an article to those present, which was in the paper, making mention of a series of commemorative materials which are expected to be ready for sale by next February. Article was brought in by Arthur Dempsie.

Margaret Siegmund's name had been brought up as a possible member, however, he had been contacted and mentioned she would not like to become a member at this time. Perhaps later.

Again the names of Al Fenton and George McClean were mentioned as possible members, as well as Mr. Hobart of Cannon Beach, Albert Grimberg, Pete Cosovich, and George and Dorothy Peeke.

The Fitcha-Lillenas cemetery was mentioned and Dorothy Peeke is a relative of the Lillenas family. Had borrowed Dorothy's family history of the Walluski area.

Arne Abrahamson has resource material.

Holly trees were mentioned again. It was suggested that we forget them because that situation is quite a mess. It was suggested by Russell Bristow that we take the best part of that tree and transport it to the new Maritime Museum grounds with a marker telling how it got to Oregon in the first place.

The December meeting of the committee is to be held on the 18th.

Hiram Johnson says he will bring this matter of the holly tree up to the next board meeting. They will be having one soon.

The Cook family was the name of the people who built the cannery and planted the holly tree at Clifton, as stated by Russell Bristow.

A letter is to be written to Pacific Power & Light Company, commending them on their article in their Pacific Powerland paper, advertising the Fort Stevens Memorial. The letter should be directed to Dan Webster.

There being no further business to come before the committee, the meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

  
(Mrs.) Helen C. Griffith, Secretary



February 19, 1973

The Clatsop County Historical Advisory Committee meeting was called to order by the Chairman, Dr. Ed Harvey.

In attendance were the following: Carl Labiske, Bill Foster, Arthur Dempsie, Clarence Sigurdson, Margaret Green, Dorothy Wootton, Ned Thorndike, Dr. Ed Harvey, Hiram Johnson, and Helen Griffith.

Dorothy Wootton reported at the January meeting that she had written with reference to the Devlin house to Arvid Larson, regarding curtaining of the windows. They must be uniform. She has had no word yet, from Mr. Larson. This matter was omitted from the minutes for January, 1973.

January minutes should be corrected, also, as follows: "Mr. Sigurdson said they had asked Crown Zellerbach for a grand to build a building" should be corrected to read "Mr. Sigurdson said they had asked Crown Zellerbach for a grant to build a building".

There being no further corrections, the minutes were accepted as corrected.

It was reported that KSWB in Seaside will be getting hold of all old timers and getting history on tape, planning to keep said tapes to present to the Historical Society when the building is erected.

Arthur Dempsie said that the Rotary Club did the same thing in Astoria, for Arthur was involved.

This year is 100th Anniversary of the Holladay House in Seaside, as reported by Clarence Sigurdson.

Carl Labiske mentioned knowing a man who had worked on the Titanic at the time it sank.

Chairman Ed Harvey reported that after much work toward restoration, or moving and restoration, of the little church in Hammond, it was decided not to do anything about it. It is too big a project for our committee. Letters to be written to Mrs. Heffner, with copy to Dick Carruthers, stating that we are not interested in same and thanking them for their consideration.

Ed Harvey discussed with the group the locating of the portals of the Weinhard hotel as a marker on the Astoria Fire. Arthur Dempsie says that now, since we have located the spot where the hotel stood, the sign at the park should be corrected.

Margaret Green mentioned that she was willing to give her little spot to use toward marking the Astoria Fire, but thus far the bank has not been receptive to the location.

One suggestion made was that the portals be located at the Historical Society grounds and a placque put in the sidewalk at the location where it stood during the fire.



Chairman Ed Harvey mentioned that Roy Seeborg said if our committee would write to the school board asking that the Uppertown School be named Adairs he was quite sure that they would go along with it.

Margaret Green reported that Mrs. Rogers (formerly Miss Adair), 92 years of age, dropped a letter to Margaret Green stating that it was Block 17, between 33rd and 34th streets, bounded on the South by Franklin and the North by Leif Erickson Drive. This is the exact spot where the house stood. This is where the Adairs wanted a memorial marker to be placed but Haukes didn't go for it.

It was moved by Clarence Sigurdson and seconded by Bill Foster that we go on record as recommending to the County Commission that the necessary steps be taken to recommend to the Astoria School Board LC that the name of the Uppertown school be changed to Adair School. Motion carried.

Chairman Ed Harvey reported that he has asked the Garden Club to make a survey of the town, looking for old gardens. They have agreed to do this. Also, Chairman Ed Harvey has contacted the college for assistance in organization of mini districts in Clatsop County. Ed Harvey laid out the suggested survey plan for finding the homes for said districts, with Walter Dagget to be overseer of said project. Dr. Harvey asked if any of our members would like to assist.

Dr. Harvey passed around one of the medallions of the Bi-Centennial; also, literature with reference to stamps.

Hilda Sanborn discussed this area with Ed Harvey, mentioning that 17th street wasn't in in 1889, because the Grays owned the two lots that the Sanborn family bought. That was J.H.D.Gray.

The B i-Centennial Commission also approved this idea that Ed Harvey is presenting.

Battery Freeman at Fort Stevens will be revitalized and the 249th Coast Artillery Organization. 1862 was the date of Battery Freeman's erection.

Ned Thorndike asked how you could get in to Battery Freeman. Ed Harvey suggested he contact the engineer's house. The white painted tower is in the center of Battery Freeman. Oregon State Parks are behind this project also. Need to get together with the Parks Department, because they plan just to make a park and it should be carefully redone to preserve the history. Mr. Dave Talbot went along with them on the idea. They looked at Battery Clark and it is in pretty good condition, but Battery Freeman is best for reproduction.

Names brought up before the membership as possible active members on the advisory committee were Mr. Fenton from Warrenton area, George McClean from Astoria, Albert Grimberg from Astoria, George Peake from Astoria, Peter Cosovich from Astoria area, and Fred Andrus now from the Warrenton area.



Someone mentioned that possibly Sam Foster of the Seaside area might have been interested. Mr. Foster's grandfather was a Mr. Gunderson.

It was reported that Betty Snow had been hospitalized for eye surgery so would be unable to attend meetings for a short time. It was suggested, at this time, too, that we should try to get someone else from the Cannon Beach, Tolovana Park, Arch Cape area for it is difficult for Travis Tyrrell and Betty Snow to get to the meetings all the time.

It was suggested that the president of each Historical Society be included as a member of this committee.

Arthur Dempsie mentioned a new county was mentioned, eliminating Clatsop and calling it Lewis & Clark. Hiram Johnson said if we just watch it, he thinks it will fall by the wayside.

It was moved by Arthur Dempsie and seconded by Dorothy Wootton and Clarence Sigurdson that Dr. Ed Harvey be, by this motion, nominated to the position of Chairman of the Clatsop County Historical Advisory Committee and subsequently elected by unanimous vote. Motion carried.

When asked, Margaret Green said that Mr. Stiles has never written.

Chairman Ed Harvey suggested that a letter to each individual, past or present, be sent asking if they wish to continue in active, advisory, or non capacity with the committee and that these letters be sent as soon as possible. Members agreed.

Arthur Dempsie mentioned that the City of Astoria has got back the old Yacht Club. Mr. Dempsie asked if the college was taking it over, and mentioned that the old weather bureau tower is down there, and should be at the Maritime Museum's lot. Mr. Dempsie said he doesn't know if Rolf Klep has thought of it, but it might be worthwhile mentioning it to him. Hiram Johnson said perhaps a word to the City Parks Committee should be sent, asking what they plan for it, and asking them not to do away with it before letting us know.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

*Helen C. Griffith*  
(Mrs.) Helen C. Griffith, Secretary



March 19, 1973

The Clatsop County Historical Advisory Committee meeting was called to order by the Vice Chairman, George Fulton, acting in the absence of Chairman Dr. Ed Harvey, who is away for a month's vacation.

In attendance were the following: Margaret Green, Clarence Sigurdson, Bill Foster, George Fulton, Hiram C. Johnson, and Helen C. Griffith.

There was not a quorum of members, however, it was felt we should meet since there were several things which needed to be discussed anyway.

George Fulton had talked with Dick Thompson about the John Chitwood matter. Mr. Chitwood was the gentleman who was responsible for the building of the road to the Astoria Column. Dick Thompson suggested we just sit tight and wait for he thinks something will soon come out of the ground work that has been laid. Mr. Thompson said that the idea is to put granite coverage on the base of the column, in which inscriptions could be made.

We went to the minutes and mention of the Astoria Fire marker. The members approved the thought of placing the Weinhard Hotel Portals on the grounds of the Clatsop County Historical Museum, if this would prove feasible.

It was moved by Clarence Sigurdson and seconded by Margaret Green that we write a letter to the Clatsop County Historical Society, asking them about placing the Weinhard Hotel Portals on the Museum grounds. Motion carried.

Clarence Sigurdson mentioned that we should see to putting a sign up at the old mission; however, George Fulton said that as fast as a sign is put up in that area, it is torn down. They just can't keep them up.

Mr. Arvid Larson, after being contacted by Dorothy Wootton, called Dorothy and said he would very happy to cooperate and ask the tenants in the old Devlon house, to see that the curtains on the windows match.

Clarence Sigurdson talked about the whereabouts of some of the relics off of the Galena.

Clarence Sigurdson also mentioned that the Seaside Historical Society is busy getting sand to fill the hole, which is necessary before plans can be followed to build the Seaside Museum. Mr. Sigurdson also mentioned having visited with Verna Bates, who allowed him to tape her comments on some of our early history.

Mr. Sigurdson talked with Councilman Rekate of Cannon Beach, about Cannon Beach building their Museum, and was told that when they raise \$5,000, an interested individual will give \$10,000 toward said building.

Members discussed the bowsprit of the Peter Iredale. It is still here in Astoria and slowly deteriorating. George Fulton felt that a preservative could be used to keep it in its natural state.

It was moved by Clarence Sigurdson and seconded by Bill Foster that the minutes of ~~the~~ February 19, 1973 ~~min~~ be accepted as presented. Motion carried.



The matter of the Weinhard Hotel came up for discussion again. It was established that the hotel was definitely set on the Northeast corner of 12th and Duane Streets, where the Columbia Travel Bureau is now.

George Fulton wondered if we would ever get a marker for the old town of Lexington. Discussed the matter for a few moments.

Clarence Sigurdson read a letter he had received from the Oregon Historical Society on the book Mr. Sigurdson had written and forwarded to the Society for their consideration. They informed him they could not use the entire manuscript but will use portions of it for printing in the Oregon Historical Quarterly.

Discussed the request of Kate May Farley for permission to be buried in the Pioneer Cemetery at such time as she passes on. The County had previously arbitrarily established 1958 when Oregon gained statehood, as a cutoff date for admission for burial in the Pioneer Cemetery.

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Following some discussion, it was moved by Bill Foster that we recommend to the Board of County Commissioners that all references to matters pertaining to the Pioneer Cemetery be referred directly to the Pioneer Cemetery Committee, who were appointed by the Board of County Commissioners to care for such matters. Motion seconded by Clarence Sigurdson. Motion carried unanimously.

There being no further business to come before the committee at this time, the meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

*Helen C. Griffith*

(Mrs.) Helen C. Griffith, Secretary



April 16, 1973

The Clatsop County Historical Advisory Committee was called to order by the Vice Chairman, George Fulton.

Attending were the following: Bill Foster, Fred Andrus, Dorothy Wootton, Margaret Green, Russell and Mrs. Dark, Ned Thorndike, Russell Bristow, Commissioner David Megrath, George Fulton, and Helen Griffith.

It was moved by Russell Dark and seconded by Russell Bristow that the minutes of March 19, 1973 be approved as amended. Motion carried.

Chairman George Fulton explained to all present the matter of commemoration of pioneer John Chitwood. He thought Dick Thompson's idea of putting granite around the base of the monument was good, since it would also help in sealing the cracks in the monument. Bill Foster explained that Dick Thompson had Irja Curtis' son take pictures of the Trajan monument, the original from which the idea of our column grew.

Russell Dark mentioned that John Chitwood cut that road originally to get cedar wood off the hill. Judge Cornelius, Walter ~~akin~~, and another were the Trustees of the estate of John Chitwood. May Miller has all the information on this matter.

ASTORIA FIRE. Bill Foster heard that a marker might be placed in the garden area of the U. S. National Bank. Dick Thompson had discussed the matter with officials of the bank and was told this would be alright if the garden area was used. If we had to use one of the parking stalls, this would be another matter. The site suggested is the garden bed on the South side of the block on the corner of 9th and Exchange. George Fulton said as far as he knows, and others felt this too, the property mentioned is City property. The committee members, George and Bill, will look into the matter and bring back a report as to two or three choices of location for said marker.

Margaret Green mentioned the fact that Saturday afternoon she found almost no cars on 12th street and wondered why the city is considering charging a fee for parking.

Charlie Stoner, brother of Lloyd, has the relics from the Galena on his back porch, according to a report tonight.

Returning to the matter of the ASTORIA FIRE, the portals of the Weinhard Hotel were mentioned. Bill Foster will approach the Historical Society about the possibility of placing the marker on this property.

At this point, Chairman George Fulton welcomed Commissioner David W. Megrath to the meeting.

Mr. Megrath explained the functions of the Oregon Coastal Conservation and Development Commission to the committee members, with reference to Historical Sites and matters including Clatsop County.



Mr. Megrath explained that the OCC&DC is to outline the planning needs of the Oregon Coastal strip, the boundary, of which, goes to the summit of the Coast Range as designated by legislative enactment. They are to inventory <sup>historical</sup> resources and Mr. Megrath invites additional recommended sites for OCC&DC, the purpose of this being to provide information back to legislature, who will ultimately guarantee the preservation of certain sites on the Coast.

Commissioner Megrath left a copy of the document, compiled by the OCC&DC, referring to historical points of interest along the coast, with the secretary, who is to make a copy of each page referring to Clatsop County for each member and ask them to bring a listing of their own on historical sites of interest to the next meeting, along with comments on the OCC&DC articles as to authenticity.

Russell Bristow mentioned the Bumble Bee owned property, including the old post office, at Clifton, the bunk house, and the holly tree that came around the Horn. Mr. Bristow also mentioned the flume up there at Wauna. He had talked with Mrs. Vera Brecke and she mentioned they used to water horses there when she used to go by going to school. Mrs. Brecke probably could give us more information.

Suggested that we check out No. 6. It should be Pulp Mill rather than paper mill. W. H. Brayme started this.

Add: Elmore Cannery - Marked

First Trullingers' Electric Power - Marker

Marker at 10th and Commercial Streets re. Morning Astorian newspaper

George Fulton mentioned the old T. J. Potter. They tried to remove a part of it but unable to do so thus far. Thought it might be of historical significance. Hiram Johnson and Rolf Klep had tried to remove the rudder, but it is stuck tight.

Dorothy Wootton said that contrary to the March minutes, she had called Mr. Larson.

It was mentioned that the house where Richard Blakely lives should be marked. It is located at 14th and Franklin Streets on the Northwest corner. Pat Gallaghers and Tallants lived there at one time.

The chairman mentioned the Astor school being renamed Adair school. Helen Griffith to contact Hiram Johnson regarding this matter to see what can be done about it.

Commissioner David Megrath mentioned that the 4th of May the Board of County Commissioners will meet at Knappa on the proposed boat ramp and parking lot. Mr. Megrath had spoken with Dr. Harvey about the area and felt that those present should they feel there is any jeopardy in putting this site there, we should mention it. According to Dr. Harvey some Indian log houses had, at one time, been built on the headland. Crown Zellerbach owns the bluff area. The boat launch ramp will be just to the East of the present dock and directly opposite the headland or bluff area.



Mr. Megrath feels a more careful look needs to be taken at this <sup>time</sup> for a launch ramp and parking area as related to other possible sites. He feels that in time it might grow beyond proper bounds and spoil the historical site. Russell Bristow agrees with this thought.

George Fulton asked Ned Thorndike if slips could be taken from the holly tree at Clifton so they would grow. Mr. Thorndike says it can be done but he wouldn't be successful at it himself. It needs a certain kind of soil and to be taken at a certain time of the year or possibly seedlings could be obtained.

George Fulton also mentioned the monkey trees in the area and asked if anyone knew of the origin of these trees. It was suggested that someone might ask Albert Grimberg, since they have one in their yard.

Chairman George Fulton mentioned Dr. Owens Adair, who was his great aunt - his grandmother's cousin. She was a dressmaker and milliner and went to legislature as a divorcee and was promoting the use of sterilization. This was all done at a time when such things were considered quite shocking.

Since there was no further business to come before the meeting it was moved by Russell Dark and seconded by Russell Bristow that the meeting adjourn. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

*Helen C. Griffith*

(Mrs.) Helen C. Griffith, Secretary



May 21, 1973

The Clatsop County Historical Advisory Committee was called to order by the chairman, Dr. Ed Harvey.

Attending were the following: Clarence Sigurdson, Dr. Harvey, Russell Dark, Ned Thorndike, Russell Bristow, Bill Foster and Dorothy Wootton.

As the minutes of the meeting of April 16th were not available, the informal discussion centered upon activities of the group.

Dr. Harvey introduced Wes Hutton and Kim Kreila<sup>us</sup>, the two students of architecture at the <sup>Clatsop</sup>(Lower Columbia) Community College, who are making a survey of old houses in Astoria. To date they have located 64 houses and believe 11 to be authentic. Their procedure has been to photograph the front and two sides of each. Notes are being kept, especially of houses where obvious changes have been made. Their plan is to interview occupants in the houses. To date few antagonistic owners have been met.

Dr. Harvey announced that Ned Thorndike has requested becoming an advisory member of the committee. He also mentioned the following people for membership; George McLean, Al Grimberg, Jean MacDonald, George Fox, Fred Andrus, who is already a member, Allan Fenton and Mrs. Henson (?). Mrs. MacDonald, a history major, is very interested in this area's history. Her Girl Scout group is planning to place flowers or wreaths on all graves in Pioneer Cemetery as a Memorial Day tribute.

There seemed to be some confusion regarding the placement of the Portals of the Past to commemorate the fire. Bill Foster was asked to explain the action recorded in the minutes. It appears that no definite action has been taken.

The chairman asked if any report had been made by the Garden Club of its plan to locate and study old gardens in this area. No information was available.

The Clifton holly tree was brought into discussion by Russell Bristow. After several theories regarding the development of a tree by using a slip and certain hormones, Mr. Bristow was asked to make this a project of his own. The opinion was that perhaps the Maritime Museum would be glad to find a place for it in its new park.

Clarence Sigurdson announced June 9 and 10 as the dates for the Seaside Historical Society antique show at the Convention Center.

Preparation for the commemoration of the 200th anniversary of this country was brought up by Dr. Harvey. He has contacted Nancy Hanks, the government representative in this field, regarding the loan of some valuable dishes and pewter dating to the Revolutionary War. She has promised her cooperation in developing an exhibit. He urged that local people be asked to loan items for



exhibit. He has about 10 that he is willing to loan after insurance is arranged.

Mr. Sigurdson mentioned Bessie Robinson, daughter of Hiram Gray, who built the first dike in this area. He also reported that no part of the first Court House in Lexington remains as it was torn down in 1930. It was interesting to learn that Verna Bates had compiled statistics on all schools in the county. None of these schools is now in existence.

Russell Bristow feels that it might be worthwhile to contact the Burlington-Great Northern Railway asking them to finance the repairs to the base of the column.

Other brief discussions touched on correspondence, finances, and the Historical and Archaeological Site Inventory as prepared by the Oregon Coastal Conservation and Development Commission and given to us for study by Mr. Megrath.

It was decided the last meeting until fall will be held on June 18, 1973. Concluding the discussions, with many asides, the meeting broke up.

Humbly submitted,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Dorothy Wootton". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke at the end.

Dorothy Wootton, sec pro tem in spite of!



June 18, 1973

The Clatsop County Historical Advisory Committee was called to order by the chairman, Dr. Ed Harvey.

Attending were the following: Jack Sutfin, Helen Griffith, Bill Foster, Dorothy Wootton, Russell Dark, Fred Andrus, Clarence Sigurdson, George Fulton, Sam Foster, and Dr. Ed Harvey.

Minutes stand as read and corrected on April 16, 1973. Minutes stand as read and corrected on May 21, 1973.

Chairman Ed Harvey mentioned article and picture on little church in Hammond, printed approximately Sunday Oregonian, May 27. Also there was an article in the Daily Astorian on May 25 with children decorating the pioneer cemetery for Memorial Day.

Chairman Ed Harvey reported going up to city hall and seeing Gil Gramson. The City cannot spend any more money for the Astoria Pioneer Cemetery except for maintenance. Dr. Harvey said some crossbars are needed to the amount of \$40.00 maximum.

MOTION: It was moved by Dorothy Wootton and seconded by Fred Andrus that permission be granted to Dr. Harvey to replace certain crossbars, with the maximum amount to <sup>be</sup> expended the sum of \$40.00. Said work to be done in the Astoria Pioneer Cemetery. Motion carried. Bill Foster voted "no".

The two gentlemen who have been studying the old houses, will continue to make their study of the old houses during the summer months, working toward establishing an historic district or a series of mini-districts.

Secretary to send letters to the members, both active and advisory, asking if they want to serve so we can start in the fall with an active group.

The question was asked whether there was anything further, at this time, to report on the arch of the Winehard Hotel. No comment was made.

The Chitwood matter was up before the City Parks Committee. Dick Thompson says the committee has it in mind, with the grand plan on the column. The city has something going on regarding the troubles at the column. <sup>Gentlemen</sup> ~~xxx~~ will make a recommendation to the City after looking over the deterioration on the exterior of the column. The matter to be tabled until a report comes back from the City. This report was made by George Fulton.

Secretary to write a letter to Jean Macdonald (Mrs. Robert Macdonald), thanking her and the girls for placing the wreaths on the headstones at the Astoria Pioneer Cemetery for Memorial Day. This was a group of Job's Daughters, with Mrs. Macdonald the advisor to the group.

George Fulton reported that Mrs. Fulton said the Garden Club could not take on the project suggested by Dr. Harvey; however, Dr. Harvey had talked with Arthur Speke, who said he would be assisting and would see the work is done.



Chairman suggested the secretary check into the money owing Arvid Wuonola.

Discussed money matters, with George Fulton and Bill Foster suggesting that since we have been unable to use the money given to us for the programs originally intended, the warrants be turned back to the county for cancellation.

MOTION:

It was moved by Clarence Sigurdson and seconded by George Fulton that funds in the hands of members, which were not used by the committee since being received, be returned to the General Fund of the county. Motion carried. There is cash in the amount of \$365.00 and approximately \$235.00 in warrant.

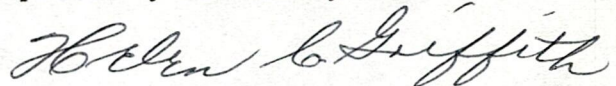
Jack Sutfin brought up the fact that we were going to do something more about signs identifying the Westport Tunnel. Jack said the signs are there but you cannot see them. They are too far off the main highway.

Dr. Harvey says he will check into the matter. George Fulton suggested that we talk with John Dooley about having the signs moved where they can be seen. Jack Sutfin suggested that at the same time we ask Mr. Dooley to clean the area up in back -- years ago it was used as a garbage dump and the back of the tunnel sluffed off. Jack Sutfin says the county could take care of the matter with a small cat.

Mr. Sutfin said he has a hand painting of the Westport Tunnel. He will bring it to the first meeting in the fall.

There being no further business the meeting adjourned. Next meeting to be on September 17, 1973.

Respectfully submitted,



(Mrs.) Helen C. Griffith, Secretary



September 17, 1973

The Clatsop County Historical Advisory Committee was called to order by George Fulton, Chairman, at 7:30½ P.M.

Attending were the following: George Fulton, Chairman, Russell Dark, Dorothy Wootton, Margaret Green, Trygve Duoos, Bill Foster, Sam Foster, and Hiram C. Johnson, acting Secretary.

Acknowledged Ed Harvey's Grandson, Born September 13, 1973 in Grants Pass.

Correspondence:

Why Westport Tunnel marker?

Two marked houses in Warrenton:

1. Callie Munson home, first lady Mayor West of the Rockies
2. Dan Malarkey home?

Mentioned the Lewis & Clark Foundation, 1974.

Margaret Green had photographs of the Astoria Fire and of the Winehard Hotel.

The meeting adjourned at 8:30½ P.M. with the next meeting to be announced at a later date.

Respectfully submitted,

Hiram C. Johnson, Secretary Pro Tem



October 22, 1973

The Clatsop County Historical Advisory Committee was called to order by the chairman, Dr. Ed Harvey.

Attending were the following: Ed Harvey, Ned Thorndike, Jack Sutfin, Russell Bristow, Russell Dark, Fred Andrus, Helen C. Griffith, and Hiram C. Johnson.

Chairman Ed Harvey mentioned letter sent to members, asking for historical information on waterfront properties.

The first cement road that was ever constructed was laid in Clatsop County. Supposed to be the first one in the United States. This was mentioned to Dr. Ed Harvey by Dr. Jorma Leinassar. This is the stretch of road from Miles Crossing to Hess's place on old Highway 101. Hiram Johnson to check on this.

Chairman Ed Harvey asked secretary to try to get letters out to each committee member asking if they wish to remain as members of the committee.

On November 3, 1973 the Society of Architectural Historians will be here to visit all the ~~Mold~~ houses in the area. There will be a morning session in the Flag Room at the library. Four people are coming in, wanting to know how we mark our houses. They are coming in tonight, and plan to stay through Saturday. Dr. Harvey said he may contact some of our members to assist him.

Chairman Ed mentioned the fact that we have many historical groups and he feels we should pool our thoughts and actions to carry through the history of the county more completely.

In discussing the matter of active membership, Chairman Ed mentioned that we should all try to bring someone in from the other areas of the county.

Dr. Harvey asked Margaret Green if she would be working on the houses in her area, with an idea to see to marking these homes.

Chairman Ed Harvey asked Russell Bristow, Dorothy Wootton, and Russell Dark to act as a committee to work on the history, suggesting what we can do to unify and to bring all history together.

The November meeting is to be held on the 19th.

Chairman Ed Harvey mentioned the trek that was taken to the Knappa boat landing with about 25 people in attendance. They had a wonderful day, thanks to the Coast Guard. They picked up some artifacts and will make sure that this spot was the one where Lewis and Clark's longhouses were built.

The members discussed the museums and the type of things that should be accepted for display.

It was brought out that Bob Drucker had mentioned to Dr. Harvey and subsequently to Sheriff Carl Bondietti the fact that the digs below Seaside have been damaged badly by vandals. Clarence Sigurdson says the property and digs belong to the Golf Course and the Smithsonian Institute was given permission to dig.

Dr. Harvey announced that the fence posts for the Astoria Pioneer Cemetery have come in to Montgomery Wards and are just waiting for the check from the county.



The Chairman suggested to the Secretary that the members be asked to return comments on their letters by November 14.

Some of the members discussed possible historic spots and one that was suggested was the boat landing for Greenwood Cemetery.

It was suggested that Osmo Parhaniemi be contacted as he has something on the Walluski.

Dorothy Wootton mentioned the old boat landing at Olney.

The old T.J.Potter was mentioned. The wreckage is across the highway from the Dairy Queen in Astoria. Hiram Johnson said this was the first boat his dad sailed on when he came to Astoria.

It was announced that an ordinance has been passed by the County Commission that the Sheriff can now go out and pick up these old junk cars and get rid of old abandoned decrepit buildings.

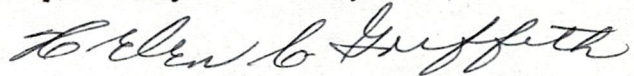
Margaret Green had a question with reference to marking the old houses. If they have been changed they cannot be marked.

Clarence Sigurdson mentioned an old house on Holladay Drive in Seaside that had burned, but that the owners are in the process of restoring it to its original architecture.

Russell Dark mentioned that the Port of Astoria will be celebrating its 60th Anniversary sometime in February. The last remaining old sternwheeler will be brought down from Portland for the occasion. It was suggested that the Historical Advisory Committee should make some note of the occasion.

The old Karhuvaarha Hotel was mentioned. Nick Stefanovich now owns the hotel. There being no further business, the meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,



(Mrs.) Helen C. Griffith, Secretary



January 21, 1974

The Clatsop County Historical Advisory Committee meeting was called to order by the Chairman, Dr. Ed Harvey.

Attending were the following: Dr. Ed Harvey, Russell Dark, Clarence Sigurdson, Dorothy Wootton, Arthur Dempsey, Fred Andrus, George Fulton, Hiram C. Johnson, and Helen C. Griffith.

There were corrections to previous minutes to be made at this time:

September 17, 1973 minutes: Where mention was made of the Dan Malarkey home, the following should be noted: The Dan Malarkey house has been torn down some years ago, thus it should not be considered a part of our records.

October 22, 1973 minutes: 1. The names of Margaret Green and Dorothy Wootton shall be added to the minutes, as having attended the meeting.

2. Regarding the Knappa Boat Landing, the longhouses mentioned are Indian and not Lewis & Clark's. This correction to be made.

Chairman Ed Harvey asked if a turn-off could be put in at that road leading into the Greenwood Cemetery. Hiram Johnson suggested that Dr. Harvey contact the State Highway and ask about it. Dr. Harvey mentioned he would like to see it marked in some way.

Dorothy Wootton mentioned the old boat landing at Olney and Dr. Harvey and Dorothy Wootton are to investigate the matter.

Clarence Sigurdson mentioned that he will get the information on the old home in Seaside that is being rebuilt. Also, Clarence Sigurdson mentioned the old Indian house in Seaside. It was owned by a man named Smith. Just the last name is not sufficient for our records; therefore, Clarence is to check and find out what the first name is of this Mr. Smith.

The minutes for September 17, 1973 and October 22, 1973 were accepted as corrected. There were no meetings in November, 1973 and December, 1973 because of the holidays and the difficulty in getting together a quorum for either meeting.

Chairman Ed Harvey mentioned checking on the John Jacob Astor School with the School Board to see if the name could be changed to Adair School. Hiram Johnson suggested if they want to get anything done on it we should go through the PTA. George Fulton said the School Board would probably object.

George Fulton said that Mr. Dick Thompson had tried to call him today, but did not get to talk with him. Mr. Fulton had nothing to report on Chitwood, but felt this is what Mr. Thompson wanted to talk with him about.

Names to be brought before the Board of County Commissioners as suggested new members for the Advisory Committee, are Al Fenton, Jean MacDonald, Mrs. Hugh (Carol) Seppa, Pat Killion, Mrs. Robert Fox, as having accepted the invitation to join the Committee. Others suggested, but not contacted, as yet, were Robert Fox, George McClean, Albert Grimberg, Arne Abrahamson, Betty Smith (Variety Store), Irene Welch, Mr. or Mrs. (Marian) Greenough, and Dr. Bretherton.



Discussion was held on the changing of the name of Elk Creek back to Ecola Creek. It was suggested that a letter be sent by our Committee to the Oregon Geographic Names Board.

It was moved by Dorothy Wootton and seconded by Clarence Sigurdson that a resolution be drawn recommending change of name of Elk Creek to Ecola Creek, the Indian name for whale. Motion carried.

Following a discussion the decision was made that this committee take a stand on the Salt Cairn at Seaside, recommending that it become a satellite to the Fort Clatsop National Memorial. It was felt this would help to preserve the salt cairn for the future.

It was moved by Clarence Sigurdson and seconded by Arthur Dempsey that the Salt Cairn at Seaside become a part of the National Park Service, as a satellite of the Fort Clatsop National Memorial. Motion carried.

The resolution goes to the National Park Service. The Salt Cairn was rebuilt in 1924. This information volunteered upon question of one of the members of committee.

Arthur Dempsey mentioned the sailors graves at Seaside and wondered if anyone was taking care of it. No one had an immediate answer, but knew that the J.C.'s used to take care of it.

A light bulb, which was in the Courthouse when it was built, was turned over to the Committee by the Sheriff. Sheriff Bondietti felt it should be preserved. The committee discussed the matter and decided it will be held for sometime until the decision can be made as to what should be done with it.

Chairman Ed Harvey mentioned the boys who are checking the houses and said they are about ready to give a report on them.

As a piece of interesting information, Russell Dark said that the Astor Column was exrayed to see what can be done to preserve it.

The secretary reported that there were only two answers received on the letter sent to the members of the committee in November. The members decided that those present at this meeting plan to remain as active members of the committee and the rest of the membership will be contacted by Chairman Ed Harvey and then a new order will be drawn, bringing the committee membership up to date.

Meeting to be held on February 18th next month.

Arthur Dempsey mentioned the markers around town giving the elevations. Mr. Dempsey is going to write down the facts regarding his part in placing them there.

Chairman Ed Harvey gave a large vote of thanks to Hiram Johnson for all his good help this past year. Everyone joined in.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,  
*Helen C. Griffith*  
(Mrs.) Helen C. Griffith, Secretary



CLATSOP COUNTY HISTORICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

February 23, 1974

The Clatsop County Historical Advisory Committee meeting was called to order by the Vice Chairman, George Fulton. Dr. Ed Harvey was unable to arrive at home in time to appear at tonight's meeting. The meeting had been postponed from the 18th because of a holiday, in honor of the birth of George Washington, whose actual birth date was February 22, and some of the committee were to be out of town. It would have been difficult to have found a quorum.

In attendance were: Russell Dark, Arthur Dempsie, Bill Foster, Hiram C. Johnson, George Fulton, Margaret Green, Dorothy Wootton, and Helen C. Griffith.

It was moved by Russell Dark and seconded by Bill Foster that the minutes of the January 21st meeting be accepted. Motion carried.

George Fulton brought up the matter of changing the name of the John Jacob Astor School to Adair School. No letter was written. It was felt that the expense would be too great and that a bond issue would have to be formed. Hiram Johnson asked if the City shouldn't be involved in bringing about such a change; however, Mr. Fulton said he would think such a procedure would be to go through the School Board. Perhaps write to them and see what happens.

Margaret Green mentioned that the School Board might not feel the Adair name change would be proper for the school but the Adairs were very influential in the early day history of this community and should be remembered in some way.

It was suggested by George Fulton that we should check with the Historical Society to see what their feelings might be if we wrote and asked for their backing. Ray Collins is the new president of the Historical Society. Following a short discussion, the membership decided that we should first get the blessings of the Historical Society and then when their answer comes back we will write to the Astoria School Board. George Fulton will write the letters for our committee.

It was mentioned that the National Sites Committee is to meet in Astoria in October of 1974. We will probably be involved.



At this time the matter of new members was brought up.

It was moved by Russell Dark and seconded by Bill Foster that the following people be recommended by the Historical Advisory Committee to the Board of County Commissioners for membership on the Historical Advisory Committee: Al Fenton, Jean Macdonald, Carol Seppa, Pat Killion, Mrs. Robert Fox, Al Grimberg (if he will serve), and Irene Welch (if she will serve). Motion carried.

The above mentioned people will be considered by the Board of Commissioners, along with their current recommendations of Edna Ellen Bell and Michael Naab.

Margaret Green asked if anyone knows when the Cannon Beach post office was changed from Ecola Post Office to Cannon Beach Post Office. Oregon Geographic Names would have the dates, according to Russell Dark.

It was announced that August 5 - 8 will be the Lewis & Clark Trail Convention.

With reference to historical markers in Seaside, it was mentioned that nothing has been found to report on the Sailors' Graves at this time.

Mention was made of two different, very interesting, historical studies on TV recently - one being on the Salt Cairn and the other on the wreck of the Peter Iredale.

Mention was made of the Westport tunnel sign, which should be brought in for repainting. Russell Bristow and Jack Sutfin, who have been handling this matter, are out fishing. We will need to wait until the spring season is over.

The two resolutions drawn by George Fulton have not been mailed out as yet. Addresses will be obtained by the secretary, per suggestion from Ed Harvey, and resolutions mailed as soon as possible.

The Superintendent of Fort Clatsop National Memorial is John Miele. Mr. Miele will be contacted, since he, by virtue of his position, has become an ex-officio member of the Advisory Committee.

When the National Park Service takes over the Salt Cairn at Seaside, the trail between Fort Clatsop National Memorial and Seaside will be developed.



Russell Dark mentioned that the County Seal was designed by David Ingalls, who was the father of Clem Ingalls, a former Deputy Sheriff for Clatsop County; then only one was made and it is over the main door of the Court House.

Also mentioned was the fact that the location of the old Salvation Army building is where the Congregational Church once stood.

There followed a discussion concerning the Astoria Fire Marker as well as a possible setting for the Weinhard Hotel portals. George Fulton says he is not satisfied with the marker as suggested to date. Arthur Dempsie said the portals of the hotel should be placed properly in order that they be shown off to good advantage and not just look as though they were a couple of sticks in the middle of nowhere.

The secretary mentioned the matter of officers for the ensuing year. It was discussed with the outcome being that the membership is to consider the same and come to the next meeting with the matter of an election of officers in mind.

Election of officers will be held at the March meeting, March 18, 1974.

Referring again to the Astoria Fire marker, the suggestion was made that the PP&L has a substation at 15th and Commercial and this might be a good spot to put the Astoria Fire marker.

A general discussion was held on the questionnaire which was distributed by the Chamber of Commerce. It was felt that such a study might prove fruitful for the county, as well as the City of Astoria.

The Josephson house was mentioned. Bill Foster asked when it was built. This was the old Columbia River Protective Association building. The matter created quite a bit of interest among the members. Bill Foster will follow this matter up and see if he can't locate the history on the building. Perhaps it can be marked should it prove to be old enough.

There being no further business to discuss, the meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

*Helen C. Griffith*  
(Mrs.) Helen C. Griffith, Secretary



CLATSOP COUNTY HISTORICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

March 18, 1974

The Clatsop County Historical Advisory Committee meeting was called to order by the Chairman, Dr. Ed Harvey.

In attendance were: Russell Dark, Hiram C. Johnson, Helen C. Griffith, Bill Foster, Dr. Ed Harvey, Carl Labiske, Ned Thorndike, Fred Andrus, George Fulton, Dorothy Wootton, Margaret Green. Also in attendance was Sam Foster from the Seaside Historical Society.

It was moved by Russell Dark and seconded by Fred Andrus that there being no corrections or additions to the minutes, they stand as read. Minutes accepted as read.

Chairman Ed Harvey mentioned John Chitwood, the Weinhard Portals, and the Astoria Fire Marker, which matters should be discussed this evening.

With reference to the marker honoring John Chitwood, Chairman Ed Harvey said that Dick Thompson of the Astoria Parks Committee, asked the Advisory Committee to back off on this matter until the immediate problem of saving the monument (Astor Column) is solved. According to Dr. Harvey this will probably be about ten years. The matter was discussed by the members and agreed that it will be tabled until we hear further from Dick Thompson; however, from time to time we will check on the matter that it not be forgotten.

George Fulton reported on the matter of the Astoria Fire marker. Dick Thompson and George Fulton met to discuss the matter. Nothing can be done at the appropriate place and the possibility has been eliminated of placing a plaque on the street. They are looking into the possibility of using the Southwest corner of the City Parking lot, adjacent to the United States National Bank, which is one block from where the fire started. A slab of marble of the State of Oregon, similar, if not identical, with the submarine shelling marker on Delaura Beach Road, was suggested as a proper marker. George Fulton suggested that if not there, then perhaps the Southwest corner of the property where the bus depot is now, if this does not get involved in the handling of the buses. When Dick Thompson has a sketch, they will present it to the committee.

Chairman Ed Harvey mentioned the real entrance and piling leading up to the Greenwood Cemetery. Dorothy Wootton said it was supposed to be the Olney Boat Landing. Apparently there was a misunderstanding between them. Margaret Green said that boats used to go to Olney with provisions and a Mrs. Olson had a store there. Again Ed Harvey mentioned he was going to take Dorothy Wootton out to check on the matter.

The members discussed the Josephson house. Bill Foster says he knows



it at least goes back to 1896. Dr. Harvey wondered if anything further had been discovered.

Chairman Ed Harvey mentioned to the members that he had been asked to present a budget to the County Budget Committee for our committee for the ensuing year and has made one up for \$525.00 total. Commissioner Hiram Johnson to look over the budget presented by Dr. Harvey. There may need to be some additional money considered, with the 200th Anniversary of the founding of our country to be coming along in 1976.

Chairman Ed Harvey reported taking the two Resolutions, drawn by George Fulton, on recommending change of name of Elk Creek to Ecola Creek, the Indian name for whale, and recommending that the Salt Cairn at Seaside become a satellite to the Fort Clatsop National Memorial which should help to preserve the salt cairn for the future, to Portland with him and delivered them in person. A letter has since been received from Elizabeth Walton, telling us the two matters had been presented, voted upon, and approved.

Chairman Ed Harvey reported on the two boys who have been working on marking the houses for the mini districts, and noted their estimated expenditures at \$13.50 each or \$27.00 total for processing, to take front and side view of each house and \$2.50 for gasoline.

The report was made of the setting aside and eventual setting up of Fort Stevens as a memorial, which work is being done by the 249th Coast Artillery. They have requested money to go out and find artifacts and replacement of guns, etc., for the Fort.

Fred Andrus asked if they weren't trying for the old guardhouse building for a museum. This will be a joint function of the Bi-Centennial Committee and the 249th Coast Artillery, to bring Fort Stevens back to life and make it a park. They have heard nothing of Wendell presenting it yet.

Mention was made that several of the people, who had been approached as possible members of the committee, have asked if they are really to become members of the committee since they had heard nothing further. Assurance was given that this will soon come to pass.

It was suggested that we bring in other people, not as members, necessarily, but to have them as advisories so they would come to our meetings.

It was moved by Russell Dark and seconded by Bill Foster that the various historical groups be contacted in the county, inviting them to send a representative from each of the historical groups, to serve in an advisory capacity to the Clatsop County Historical Advisory Committee. Motion carried.



It was again reported to the committee that on the 4th and 5th of October, 1974, the National Sites Preservation Council will come by bus, here, and spend a day, touring our community. There will be 400 to 600 people coming from all over the country.

At this time, further mention was made of the Historical Advisory Committee Budget, following conversation with Commissioner Hiram Johnson. The budget will be revised from the original figure of \$525.00 and changed to read \$1,025.00, at least. Definite figures are to come from Dr. Ed Harvey when he has gotten them.

At this time an election of officers was held, with the following results; for the ensuing year:

Chairman - Russell Dark (Nominated by George Fulton. Moved by Bill Foster and seconded by Fred Andrus that the nominations be closed and secretary cast unanimous ballot.)

Vice Chairman - George Fulton (Nominated by Fred Andrus. Moved by Bill Foster and seconded by Margaret Green that the nominations be closed and secretary cast unanimous ballot.)

Secretary - Helen C. Griffith (Nominated by George Fulton. Moved by Bill Foster and seconded by Dorothy Wootton that the nominations be closed.)

George Fulton reported having written to Ray Collins with reference to the backing of the Clatsop County Historical Society on the possible change of names in the John Jacob Astor School to that of the Adair School.

Russell Dark mentioned the county seal, hidden over the door of the Court House. This seal is actually the father of the seal of the State of Oregon, as suggested by a committee member. George Fulton suggested this seal be removed from the spot where it is and be put in the foyer of the Court House. Commissioner Hiram Johnson suggested it be placed next to the plaque. George Fulton said he would suggest that the committee recommend to the County Commission that this seal be removed and placed in an appropriate spot in the lobby.

It was moved by George Fulton that we recommend to the County Commission that the County Seal of the county, set on the exterior of the Court House, be removed and placed in an appropriate spot in the foyer of the Court House, in order to preserve it and save it from further deterioration and have it presentable for public viewing. Motion seconded by Dorothy Wootton and carried unanimously.



Russell Dark mentioned two hangars at Tongue Point not used and now available. Commissioner Hiram Johnson says this is under consideration at this time.

During general discussion it was mentioned that the Rodgers family lived on 10th Street, back of the old Congregational Church.

Commissioner Hiram Johnson suggested that the Clatsop County Historical Advisory Committee search out the possibility of the government turning the Point over to the county for park purposes. Tongue Point is going to be phased out, having already started. The matter was thoroughly discussed but recommendation not made at this time. This property is under the Department of Labor.

There being no further business to discuss at this time, the meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

*Helen C. Griffith*  
(Mrs.) Helen C. Griffith, Secretary



CLATSOP COUNTY HISTORICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

April 15, 1974

The meeting was called to order by the newly elected Chairman, Russell Dark.

In attendance were: Russell Dark, Clarence Sigurdson, Carl Labiske, Dorothy Wootton, Margaret Green, Bill Foster, George Fulton, Fred Andrus, and Helen C. Griffith.

Also in attendance were County Commissioner Hiram C. Johnson and Sam Foster, from Seaside, and Bruce Berney, of the Clatsop County Historical Society.

MOTION NO. 1: George Fulton moved to accept the minutes of the previous meeting, as mailed. Motion seconded by Clarence Sigurdson and motion carried.

Bill Foster opposed.

MOTION NO. 2: It was moved by Dorothy Wootton and seconded by Margaret Green that the current listing of names be accepted as members of the committee.

Motion carried.

George Fulton reported on the Astoria Fire. Mr. Fulton said he had approached a member of the County Commission and told him what Dick Thompson's offer was and suggested that \$600.00 be paid to Mr. Thompson for the purchase of the stone. If the stone is purchased by the county, Mr. Thompson will go ahead with the fire marker. Mr. Fulton mentioned that the minutes told of the place of the starting fo the fire. This should be corrected to read the Southwest corner of the area destroyed by the Astoria Fire.

Chairman Russell Dark mentioned the Olney landing, saying that the sign marking the boat launch ramp is almost overgrown. Dorothy Wootton asked if there was enough traffic to warrant putting a marker there. Several of those present though there was enough traffic for this, but others felt there wasn't enough.

Carl Labiske says the old building which is close to the road and river was the old Olney store.

Bruce Berney said that possibly there could be a nice marker prepared relating the history in order that the residents of the Olney area not forget their history and put the marker in the Grange Hall, so people can be aware of it.



The new members, as voted upon, are Al Fenton, Jean Macdonald, Carol Seppa, Pat Killion, Mrs. Robert Fox, Michael Naab, Edna Ellen Bell, and Bruce Berney, representative from the Clatsop County Historical Society.

Mr. Dark mentioned that he wished Ned Thorndyke were here to talk about the Mission cistern. He is the only one, apparently, who knows about this matter.

Mr. Dark asked if there was anything worth marking in Chinatown. He has a picture of an old Tong house, and also mentioned that there were just two members left of the Tong - Kee Brown and a friend of his (name of friend to be supplied later by Russell Dark.).

MOTION NO. 3: It was moved by Clarence Sigurdson and seconded by Bill Foster that a marker be placed on the old Tong building in the Chinatown area.  
Motion carried.

Mr. Dark asked about marking the old Flavel Hotel site. He felt it had been well known and some recognition of it should be made. As a matter of information, the Odd Fellows Hall in Warrenton was made from the old lumber from the Flavel Hotel.

A discussion was held on an old Indian gravestone. Mr. Yeager had told Clarence Sigurdson that the grave was of Chief Tostum. Mrs. Juhrs was the daughter of the chief. Mr. Sigurdson says the gravestone is still there.

It was mentioned that the second bar pilot's name was John Pickernell and he is buried in Pacific county, Washington.

Fred Andrus reported that they are marking the original Fort at Fort Stevens. Marshall Hanft, in Salem, and Mr. Andrus have been corresponding with reference to restoring at least a part of Fort Stevens; perhaps using the guard house as a visitors center or museum. Mr. Don Millar is also interested in this restoration.

MOTION NO. 4: It was moved by Fred Andrus and seconded by Margaret Green and Clarence Sigurdson that this committee endorse the project of the restoration of Fort Stevens to its maximum practical extent and offer all assistance.



possible. Motion carried.

The secretary is to notify the State Parks Division of our action, with a letter also going to Dave Talbot.

Discussed the Military Road out through Nehalem and Elsie. Fred Andrus says there's an old sign out there, which needs to be fixed. Mr. Dark says he will go out and take a look at it.

Carl Labiske said he could take George Fulton out directly to the old military road. It comes into Astoria just below Carl Labiske's place - a bit to the West of Labiske's place. Mr. Labiske says you can see the cut through the timber yet.

Bruce Berney suggested that with the State wanting to establish bicycle trails, perhaps this could be opened up for a bicycle trail.

Commissioner Hiram Johnson talked of our county park and sign near the military road and tried to get the State Parks people interested, but could not get any help on the marker.

MOTION NO. 5: It was moved by George Fulton and seconded by Carl Labiske that we request that the county rejuvenate the sign in the Elsie area, marking the military road. Motion carried.

It was reported that the site of Oregon's first sawmill was at Hunt Creek Falls at Bradwood. John Hunt established the mill there in 1840. There is no marker there at all. A mile away is the site of the first fish cannery, which was owned by the Cook boys and built in 1864. John Lansing said he would see that the brush was cleared so you could at least see the holly tree.

As a point of information, T. J. (Thurman) Starker is the father of Caroline Young.

Chairman Russell Dark asked if there was a caretaker at Bradley State Park, and Commissioner Hiram Johnson said there was not, but that someone from Fort Stevens goes up there and takes care of it.



Mr. Dark mentioned that he has some of the records from the old Bradley Woodard Company. Mr. Dark says a lot of the records have just been scattered all over the floor. Chairman Dark will drop the Oregon Historical Society a note to see if anyone from there might come down and check into the matter, and he also feels they might be agreeable to putting a small sign up there. With the changes in Bumble Bee, Mr. Dark says you don't know who to contact there but he will see what he can find.

Other topics were discussed at this time but no information known on any of them so for now must be forgotten.

It was announced that the first five Commissioners Journals of Clatsop County Government were started before Oregon was a state, and are being microfilmed for posterity.

Chairman Dark reported that the first county seal for Clatsop County was a Durham cow and about six weeks later it was changed to a salmon. David Ingalls did the design. The first seal of the State Oregon carried initials around the top. Seals were manufactured in Oregon City by the Oregon Exchange Company between February 5, 1849 and October. The initials were directors of the firm. George Fulton said that Dick Thompson had some good ideas on the seal for Clatsop County.

Dorothy Wootton asked if there had been any report yet from the man who came to check on the Astoria column. George Fulton said we haven't heard anything yet but there are cracks that you can see through. The rains must be stopped from coming through first before anything can be done.

Tongue Point. Russell Dark asked if we can get a park out there; out on the point itself. He said there are 119 ammunition caves up on the rock. Mr. Dark had pictures of these. Mr. Dark says you can drive right on through Tongue Point now if you can get past the guards.

George Fulton reported that Mr. Collins said the Clatsop County Historical Society concurs with our suggestion to change the name of John Jacob Astor School to



Adair School. Mr. Collins said they would back us in our approach to the school board. Information was given to Dr. Harvey who was to pass it on to us.

There being no further business to come before the committee it was moved by Bill Foster and seconded by Fred Andrus that the meeting adjourn. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

  
(Mrs.) Helen C. Griffith, Secretary



CLATSOP COUNTY HISTORICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

May 20, 1974

The meeting was called to order by the Chairman, Russell Dark. There were no minutes to present this date.

In attendance were: Bill Foster, Arthur Dempsie, George Fulton, Russell Bristow, Lawanda Dark, Philippa Mardesich, Russell Dark, Dorothy Wootton, and Helen C. Griffith.

Also in attendance were Commissioner Hiram C. Johnson, Dick Thompson, Michael Naab, Sam Foster.

Chairman Russell Dark reported that permission had been granted this committee to put up a sign at the foot of the falls designating the old sawmill at Bradwood.

FORT STEVENS. City Council of Hammond granted permission to this committee for placement of a sign at the site of old Battery Freeman. Margaret Green had received a letter from a former officer at Fort Stevens, who had said old guns, as had been used at Fort Stevens, are in the jungles in the Philippine Islands.

RENAMING OF ADAIR SCHOOL. Mr. Dark had talked with Roy Seeborg about the matter. Mr. Seeborg said we should present a petition to him for forwarding to the School Board and they would consider it.

NEW BUSINESS. Chairman Dark presented Dick Thompson who appeared to discuss the restoration of the Astoria column.

Dick Thompson presented the progress report as it stands at the present time. They are working with the city budget committee and the city manager. The column is on the official registry as an official landmark so is eligible for funds. They are presenting a serial levy to the citizens of Astoria, with matching funds to come from the government to insure the column's remaining. The walls of the column are ten inches thick at the bottom and six inches thick at the top. It cannot fall because of its construction. Mr. Thompson explained the process suggested for strengthening the column and then they can look into the restoration of the murals



on the outside surface.

Mr. Thompson further stated that anything artificially done in this climate that lasts over 50 years is well done. The mural has eroded. Structurally the column is sound and with the precautions suggested it should remain in good condition. Mr. Thompson says we do have the original sketches so can go over the murals again and renew it, but probably would have to use a modern method in restoration. It is a national landmark in a national memorial.

WESTPORT. The marker is down at the site of the old cannery in Westport. The cannery was right on the water and, of course, the mill was too. It was the John West cannery. In 1869 the post office was established in Westport and Mr. West was the first postmaster.

Mr. Naab said that no doubt since Clifton was an established community first, is probably the reason the cannery there was considered the first one.

A discussion followed on Clifton and the holly tree. Russell Bristow said it won't be much of a problem to get a start of the holly tree that stands at Clifton.

Where the mill is now used to be a lagoon and there were a lot of float houses.

George Fulton asked Dick Thompson to report on the Astoria fire marker. Mr. Thompson said that stone was increasing 27% in price and by August another 25% or 30% increase will come in the cost of stone, and he will price it as and when they can deliver.

Commissioner Hiram Johnson said there should be \$1,200 in the budget for the coming year.

Dorothy Wootton reported that you can surely see the markers at the Westport Tunnel.

Russell Dark reported that the original county seal has been found in the County Clerk's office vault.



Getting back to reports and comments on the Astoria Fire Marker, Arthur Dempsie mentioned the Northwest corner of the library. Mr. Dempsie said there is a large concrete slab there at the corner of the building and would be a good spot for the marker.

George Fulton said he checked on the suggested spot for the marker and it is the extreme Southwest corner of the fire.

Dick Thompson said he felt the First National Bank site was the most superior but there has been no cooperation received from the bank.

Russell Dark asked if anyone knew the origin of Russian Island and Russian Point, or the significance of same, in the Young's River area.

Sam Foster, when asked for comments, reported that Seaside is still there and as far as is known there have been no further findings of indian burials and artifacts there.

Russell Dark talked about the military road. He had written an article on the military road, which was published in the Oregonian, and County Roadmaster John Dooley and the County Commissioners have received many communications with reference to same.

Arthur Dempsie again referred to the Astoria Column. He mentioned that the last visit the artist of the murals made to the area, he suggested an oil for care of the column but it was not successful.

Michael Naab says that sewer diversion must be taken care of before they can begin construction of the Columbia River Maritime Museum.

Russell Dark mentioned that Ted Swedberg had left a lot of old records with him tonight on our historical past. There were quite a number of interesting items.

Arthur Dempsie did a bit of reminiscing and said that Constance Van Dusen was the first girl he took out when he came to Astoria.

Dorothy Wootton asked about John Chitwood and a monument to his memory. Dick Thompson says they are rapidly coming to a climax on the column so can begin



to look at the exterior. He says he has 90% of the homework done on it, and should tie the plaque into the overall plan.

Mr. Thompson asked the committee to assist in coming up with a real good name for the Yacht Club building since it is no longer a yacht club. The Committee will be thinking of appropriate names and have them ready for the next meeting.

Arthur Dempsie brought up the Weinhard Hotel, Astoria, and the portals which have been called the "Portals of the Past". Have been looking at the parking lot at the library as a place to put them. The Portals of the Past could be put up against the wall of the Elks building so it would look like a doorway and a plaque could be put there. Dick Thompson didn't think there was any problem in moving the portals.

There followed a discussion on possible means of getting the portals moved. The portals, as suggested by Dick Thompson, could go into the Southwest corner of the city owned parking lot and the marker could go beneath it. Either suggestion could be accomplished at anytime.

Dorothy Wootton mentioned the triangle piece of ground at Hauke's again. Russell Dark said we could look into the matter again.

Commissioner Hiram Johnson asked if anything had been done by the city with reference to the 1976 Bi-Centennial.

Dick Thompson asked if anyone knew where the bricks were made for the cobblestones on 7th Street. There was no positive answer from anyone. Mr. Thompson said he had found a kiln on his farm, but there was no apparent answer to it as yet.

There being no further business to come before the Committee, the meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

*Helen C. Griffith*  
(Mrs.) Helen C. Griffith, Secretary



CLATSOP COUNTY HISTORICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

June 17, 1974

Meeting was called to order by the Chairman, Russell Dark.

In attendance were: Bill Foster, Russell Dark, Dorothy Wootton, Margaret Green, Lawanda Dark, Philippa Mardesich, and Helen C. Griffith.

Also in attendance were: Sam Foster, Josephine Love, Rosebud Marriott.

Chairman Russell Dark reported on the establishment of the Western terminus of the first continental bike trail. Two people, Mr. and Mrs. James Kehew, from Harrisburg, Pennsylvania, started from Fort Clatsop. Will report on road conditions, traffic conditions, and availability of cheap housing. Sponsored by the American Revolution Bi-Centennial Commission. Are covered by TV and the press.

Mr. Dark asked Bill Foster about the John Jacob Astor Hotel. Mr. Foster says the taxes were paid in full so cannot condemn it and it is such an eyesore. Dorothy Wootton mentioned it as being a disgrace to the community.

It was reported that the measure, on the ballot, with reference to the funds for the column, passed. It will cost about \$40,000 to repair the column and the funds available will be approximately \$45,000.

A letter, presented to the committee by Margaret Green, some time ago, had been received, by Mrs. Green, from a friend who was a former officer at Fort Stevens. Chairman Russell Dark read the letter to the assembled members. It explained the present placing of the large guns from Fort Stevens. This copy of letter became a part of the records of the Clatsop County Historical Advisory Committee.

Russell Dark again asked about Russian Point to see if anyone knows how it got its name. Mr. Dark feels that perhaps the Russians were in here at one time. It was known that there had been a Russian Ship in here, but did not know how far up the river they had gone.

Russell Dark reported that Bruce Berney has found that the dates on the Hiram Brown house are wrong by about two or three years and Margaret Green says the dates



on Dr. Ed Harvey's home are not correct either, because her father had built the house.

Russell Dark asked if anyone knows of any sites to be marked and Dorothy Wootton asked about the marking of the old Devlin House.

Mr. Dark reported that the cornerstone of the Courthouse is missing. If anyone knows of its whereabouts, let him know. It is supposed to be at the Northeast corner of the Courthouse.

Mr. Dark asked Sam Foster about the Seaside Museum. Mr. Foster reported that there is still earth being dumped into the property to help level the ground they have for their museum.

Since this is the last meeting until fall, the members discussed it a bit, finally deciding that the fall meetings will begin with the October meeting, October 21, with notices to go out to all members well ahead of time.

There being nothing further to come before the meeting, it was moved by Margaret Green and seconded by Philippa Mardesich that the meeting adjourn. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

  
(Mrs.) Helen C. Griffith, Secretary



CLATSOP COUNTY HISTORICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

OCTOBER 21, 1974

The Clatsop County Historical Advisory Committee meeting convened at 7:35 P.M. in the office of the Board of County Commissioners, Court House, Astoria, Oregon.

Members present were:

Fred Andrus  
Clarence Sigurdson  
Arthur Dempsie  
Dorothy Wottton  
Bruce Berney  
Margaret Green  
Russell Dark  
Jack Sutfin  
Helen C. Griffith.

Also present was Mrs. Russell Dark.

Chairman Russell Dark reported that Arvid Wuonola is painting markers for Bradwood, marking the site of the Hunt Mill at Bradwood and the Cook Cannery at Clifton. Last summer, Mr. Dark reported, he got permission to put the signs up. The sign is opposite Puckett's house. We will not be allowed to put a sign up on the highway. Bumble Bee does not want a lot of people down there.

With reference to the Fort Stevens signs, Russell Dark reported that Dave Talbot says the State is going to eventually put electric train up there and that will run up through the Battery area and around through the park and back to the entrance.

Russell Dark said he wished Ed Harvey had been here to talk about the progress of marking the old houses.

Clarence Sigurdson mentioned that Ed Harvey had asked him to remove the marker on a tree in Warrenton, but Clarence said at the time he had no tool to take care of it and now he notices the house is being fixed up again, so feels the sign should remain.

Russell Dark reported that there are several houses up at 38th and Duane Streets which should be marked, since they more than meet the age requirements.

Bruce Berney reported that the Captain Hiram Brown house, which is occupied by Williamsons now, has an error in the marking. The date of Capt. Brown's arrival here should be changed.

Margaret Green also mentioned the legend on her family home was incorrect and she would like to see it changed.

There followed a short discussion on the marking of houses. It is a fine project, but many people have had trouble in seeing the legends from the street. It was felt that perhaps the dates on the signs should be in a contrasting color so they can be seen without going right up to the signs.

The Bridge Rooms building was discussed as being a subject for marking. This is the building just West of Suomi hall. Bruce Berney suggested that this be done.



Dorothy Wootton mentioned that it was her understanding this was the old Karhuvaara rooming house, and asked if these two places were the same. Also, Dorothy Wootton asked about Suomi Hall. Should it not be ready for marking? Mr. Dark mentioned he would look into the matter.

Russell Dark mentioned putting the old Indian names of the streets back again in Astoria. Suggested it at a Port of Astoria meeting one night and George Fulton suggested that the Indian names be placed in some interesting manner above or below the present signs.

Russell Dark mentioned that he had discovered a 100 year old monkey tree up near 38th Street when he discovered the old houses.

Russell Dark mentioned that next time he has a crew in the Olney area he'll have them bring in the old military road sign and then it can be repainted by Arvid Wuonala and put back in its proper place. The sign should be at the intersection of the old Camp McGregor Road. The original survey map is in the basement of the Court House. Russell Dark was told that Camp McGregor is gone but the road has been cleaned out pretty well and probably used as a fire road.

Arthur Dempsie also brought up again the spot where the four counties come together and says there should be some recognition of this fact. Bruce Berney mentioned having received a letter with reference to this matter about three years ago but at that time there was mention made of a stone marker being put in and this would have been too expensive at that time.

Mr. Berney suggested that perhaps the four counties could each participate, possibly, each county putting a different color granite in to mark its county.

Arthur Dempsie mentioned, also, the Black Bridge, which is now a white concrete bridge, saying that this place should be marked as it was quite prominent, and unique. It is about three miles towards Portland from the Crab Broiler. Mr. Dempsie also mentioned the Red Bridge, but this one has completely disappeared.

Russell Dark continued the discussion with the four corners, saying it would be a nice gesture to write to the other three counties, asking about joining together on a marker. Bruce Berney suggested our Road Superintendent provide us with a map first, showing where access might be.

Arthur Dempsie mentioned the marking of the 45th<sup>0</sup> of latitude, saying he liked the marker very much. It is located in the North end of Lincoln City as you are going South on 101.

Clarence Sigurdson mentioned Gasaway Island, in the river, saying that a man by that name was abandoned there by his friends - thus the island name.

Our Chairman mentioned the fact that Mr. Jackson Gregory Hustler was the first bar pilot, and also was a county clerk. John Pickernell was one of the signers of the Champoeog document. Came down here, settled on the North shore of the river, which was, at that



time, part of Clatsop County. Russell Dark received an article from the Pacific County Historical Society. One son ran a boat between here and Deep River. Both men signed memorial document asking that Astoria be made a port of entry. In 1880 the Indians were marked  $\frac{1}{4}$  after their names and previous to that time  $\frac{1}{2}$  was put after their names - a point of interest mentioned by Mr. Dark.

Mr. Dark asked for suggestions as to what should be recommended by this committee for the 1976 celebration. Dorothy Wootton and Fred Andrus mentioned there is already a committee working on this matter, headed by Peter Cosovich. Bruce Berney suggested we ask that committee what they plan to ask the County Commission to do.

Dorothy Wootton says these historical markers on houses should be brought up to the attention of this committee and the corrections should be made before completion, for there are many errors on those already erected.

It was suggested that as far as the Bi-Centennial is concerned, a small decal should be obtained to put on all houses built previous to the Astoria Centennial of 1911.

It was suggested by Bruce Berney and Dorothy Wootton that we have printed, in mass quantity, pamphlets explaining how old properties should be restored for marking.

Russell Dark talked about an old house next door to where the church is on 18th Street and mentioned that the new owner has a deed dated 1878.

The Leola Ball home on 15th and Grand, opposite the Catholic Church, was also mentioned and the fact that it appears to be going to pieces gradually, since it is not being used.

It was mentioned that we should mark the location of Adam Van Dusen's business place. Russell Dark mentioned that it is still the oldest business in the state. Mr. Dark has Adam's wife's diary at the present time and said it was quite interesting. Mr. Dark reminisced on the various items of interest in the diary.

Our Chairman has the account of Judge Welch's welcoming the Van Dusens back to Astoria. Mr. Dark has at his home the two volume edition of the Van Dusen family history.

Bruce Berney mentioned Dr. Owens Adair. The Clatsop County Historical Society Board has voted to set up a public fund to collect money to provide a grave stone for Dr. Adair. The Historical Society started it with \$100.00. Dr. Adair is buried at Ocean View Cemetery.

Dorothy Wootton mentioned that she must write to Mrs. Elizabeth Miller of Port Orchard, Washington. She promised copies of Thad Trullinger's diaries.

Russell Dark reported on the Astoria Column. He checked with the city authorities on the repair. Application has been in three months for the money. So far there has been no answer. Plans are all ready so they can begin operation as soon as they are assured the money is coming. The plans look beautiful.



Bruce Berney mentioned volunteering to do some investigation for the purpose of putting a placque on the inside of the Olney grange hall. Immediately to the left, as you go in the door of the grange, is the location mentioned by the grange members. It would be a frame placque with glass in front of it. Mr. Berney said Hallaux could do the framing.

It was moved by Dorothy Wootton and seconded by Clarence Sigurdson that Bruce Berney be given permission to proceed with the marker to be placed in the Olney Grange hall. Motion carried.

Russell Dark says there should be a placque somewhere in town listing the names of prominent citizens in the community, for history's sake.

Jack Sutfin said that vandals had torn down the sign at the tunnel in Westport. It will be necessary to replace the same now.

Russell Dark and Dorothy Wootton discussed the markings on homes and Mr. Dark says he will check into these and we will see what can be done to correct the same.

Bruce Berney says that Mosteller's Cafe (name of it at one time), now called Coast Way, where the bus stops in Westport, should be marked. It has a very beautiful bar that came around the Horn for delivery to Westport.

A discussion was held concerning the possible prices on Decals and Russell Dark and Bruce Berney will get together on this matter.

Clarence Sigurdson said he will check into the history of the two or three houses in Seaside for the committee. These houses are the old Flavel summer house, Dr. Smith's home at the old Indian place, and the Alex Gilbert home.

Russell Dark asked where people were buried from the wreck of the Jim Warren. Records show that money was given to a man named Ketchum, to go out and bury 45 people. This was about 1856. Mr. Dark will check into this matter further.

There being nothing further to come before the committee, the meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

*Helen C. Griffith*

(Mrs.) Helen C. Griffith, Secretary



CLATSOP COUNTY HISTORICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

NOVEMBER 18, 1974

The Clatsop County Historical Advisory Committee meeting convened at 7:30 P. M. in the office of the Board of County Commissioners, Court House, Astoria, Oregon. Meeting called to order by Chairman Russell Dark.

Present were:

Russell Dark  
Hiram C. Johnson  
Russell Bristow  
Dorothy Wootton  
Margaret Green  
Trygve Duoos  
Bill Foster  
Clarence Sigurdson

Also present were: Bruce Berney, representing Clatsop County Historical Society; Philippa Mardesich, and Bill Puustinen.

There being no alterations, corrections, or additions to the minutes of the October 21, 1974 meeting, Chairman Russell Dark declared they would stand approved as read.

Quite a lengthy discussion ensued on the legends which grace some of the locally marked homes. Bruce Berney brought a copy of the legend with a typed explanation of the errors which appear thereon. The man who typed the explanation at the bottom of the material is the man who deciphered the diaries. The date should be 1862 rather than 1865. The notation reads: "Plaque on the side of the Brown Home. The date 1848 is not correct; Brown came to Astoria in 1850. The date 1865 may be an error as well; Brown refers to moving the house in his 1862 diary, and there is no reference to any house-moving in the 1865 diary." The Legend reads: "1854 Built by Capt. Hiram Brown who came to Astoria area in 1848. Original portion of house built in Adairville (East Astoria), was barged down river about 1865 to Tenth St. and rolled to present location without cracking wallpaper or breaking a window." This material, presented by Bruce Berney, will become a permanent part of the Historical Advisory Committee records.

A discussion was held with reference to the preservation of historical documents, directed to Excell Services.

MOTION 1: It was moved by Margaret Green and seconded by Russell Bristow that this Committee recommend to the Clatsop County Commission that letters be written to all garbage collectors in the county to be on the alert for possible valuable records and that the County Commission or the Clatsop County Road Department be notified in order that they might pick them up. Motion carried.

Information with reference to Concomly (the Indian Chief) was presented to the members by Russell Dark. A letter, in the possession of Mr. Dark, will become a part of the records of the Advisory Committee for Clatsop County.



Chairman Russell Dark brought up the matter of the Military Road Sign. Roadmaster John Dooley has said he will bring it in the next time the crew is out that way so it can be repainted and placed where it should be.

Brought up the subject of a marker at Bradwood. Parsons Landing was suggested as the name for this marker, by Russell Bristow. Mr. Bristow asked if we should be marking the old round house and machine shop above where the falls is.

Russell Dark reported having found a house at 38th and Duane Streets that is four years older than the Andrew Young house on 37th, but has not found the deed to verify it as yet.

Bruce Berney suggested crossing out "hence the name Clifton", since the legend for the marker for Clifton is so long.

Russell Dark says, with reference to Bradwood, he has the information in Mrs. Riddle's old diary. Oregon was in there and Columbia Hudson. Bruce Berney suggested that where the Bradwood item said "Later sawmill operators built houses for the mill workers", you could put the names of the various operators of the mills there and then say "Bradley-Woodard Lumber Company started their business on (date)."

Chairman Russell Dark had hoped Dr. Harvey would have been here so we could have asked who got copies of all the pictures taken. The Committee would like to see the pictures. Mr. Dark will see Dr. Harvey when he can and see if we can't at least borrow the negatives so prints can be made. Actually, these pictures belong to the County.

It was suggested that with the coming 1976 celebration we might mark our streets with the original Indian names given them. This might be done by placing the Indian Street signs below the current street names. Russell Dark has talked with Robert Chopping about this matter and he was quite favorable; however, he did not know how the Council would react. This would be done for the Bi-Centennial. It was thought this could be done every three or four blocks throughout the downtown streets. Bruce Berney felt this would be very confusing and feels it should not be done. Clarence Sigurdson suggested a little map downtown, showing the present and former street names. Between 1840 and 1894 the original names were on the streets and adopted. Mr. Dark explained that each person who platted streets put in his own set of street names and in some cases the same street had three or four names. Bruce Berney felt we should table the matter until after the first of the year and then present it with Mr. Chopping's support.

A discussion was held in the matter of approving the material that goes on these historical markers.



MOTION 2: It was moved by Philippa Mardesich and seconded by Russell Bristow that any material used on the markers must have the full approval of the Committee. Motion carried.

The matter of meeting places was brought up. It was suggested that we go some place other than Astoria for a meeting now and then, since many of our members live elsewhere and always make the effort to attend in Astoria.

The matter of additional members on the Advisory Committee was brought up and Clarence Sigurdson suggested a Mrs. Laurene Hawley, and possibly her husband, as members.

Hiram Johnson suggested the 4-H lady in Westport. Says she is very active and felt she might be interested in this committee.

Bill Puustinen suggested Wayne Suokko, but Hiram Johnson says he has talked with him and he would not be interested.

It was suggested that Philippa Mardesich be asked to become a member of the Committee. Philippa said she would be happy to do so.

Hiram Johnson suggested that a letter be drafted and mailed to each service club, asking that one member be appointed to represent their organization on the Historical Advisory Committee.

Walter Stacey from Svenson was suggested as a possible member.

Clarence Sigurdson suggested Bob Evendon of Seaside as a possible member. His father was Judge Evendon. Mr. Evendon is about three years younger than Clarence, and is a part time gun smith.

Chairman Russell Dark mentioned that it was time to consider the selection of a new Chairman. There followed a short discussion wherein the members seemed to feel Russell Dark was doing a splendid job and should have one more year, at least. Mr. Dark mentioned the fact that no one person should remain as Chairman too long, for others should have the opportunity to serve.

MOTION 3: It was moved by Bruce Berney and seconded by Dorothy Wootton that Russell Dark be retained in 1975 as Chairman of the Clatsop County Historical Advisory Committee. Motion carried unanimously.

Russell Dark was in receipt of a letter from Kay Simpson of the Umatilla County Historical Advisory Committee - Chairwoman Pro Tem. Mr. Dark explained that he had gone through Clatsop County's original Order and sent the material to the lady to assist them in formation of their committee. Their Committee was formed along the lines of our committee. They have fifteen members, and the entire 15 members plan to come down to Astoria to attend one of our meetings, probably in the spring.



Chairman Russell Dark reported receiving a letter from Mrs. Anita Nelson, Chairwoman of Historical Division for Tillamook County Fair, asking for information on the sloop Tillamook, built in Astoria by Trask and others, and used in the early days to bring butter from Tillamook to this area. Mr. Dark answered the letter.

Letters received from Pacific County Museum, inviting our committee, all members, to come over and visit. Mrs. Harold Dixon, Editor of the Southwester. Museum just around the curve from Bay Center and on the highway.

Clarence Sigurdson reported having drawing of Seaside Museum, but they are short of funds. They have \$5,000 or a little better, so must wait awhile before they can start to build.

Bill Puustinen suggested to the committee that visitors could be treated to such as a fish feed through the assistance of the Union.

Bruce Berney reported to the membership on the suggested Decal. Bruce had a decal with him. This decal would identify all buildings built between 1811 and 1911. Mr. Berney presented a Decal he had designed to register all such buildings built during Oregon's first century. Mr. Berney had written to Adhesive Signs of Portland. The inside application on three color run would be \$174.00; #1 to 1,000 would be \$45.00. The two color decal would be \$126.00, plus \$45.00 for numbering.

It was suggested by Russell Bristow that we check with Consolidated Printing also.

The price offered by the Portland firm was less than the list price because of the man's interest in such historical matters. It was suggested we write for the prices on a window sign, as well as the outdoor type.

Russell Bristow suggested we check into the bunkhouses. This, too, is a part of our history. Should be marked, for they will soon disappear.

Chairman Russell Dark appointed Bruce Berney, Philippa Mardesich, and Bill Foster a committee of three to look into and work on the Decals.

Russell Dark is going to contact Pearl Peschl, who has a complete set of old pictures - a trunk full. She should be contacted, for there could be some valuable information there.

It was suggested that Sam Churchill be contacted for membership on this committee. He is out of the area now and then, but would probably enjoy working with the committee when he is in area.

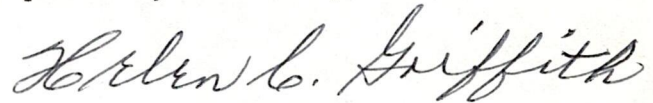


Trygve Duoos mentioned that we should check into the old Nielsen home on Duane Street between 37th and 38th. A short discussion followed. During the time the Nielsen sisters lived there, Margaret Nielsen was against having a legend marker placed on their home, but now she is living elsewhere and it was felt that there might no longer be an objection to this being done.

Chairman Russell Dark says he is checking into the legends on the various marked homes for accuracy and will report back to the committee.

There being no further business to come before the committee, the meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Helen C. Griffith". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned above the typed name.

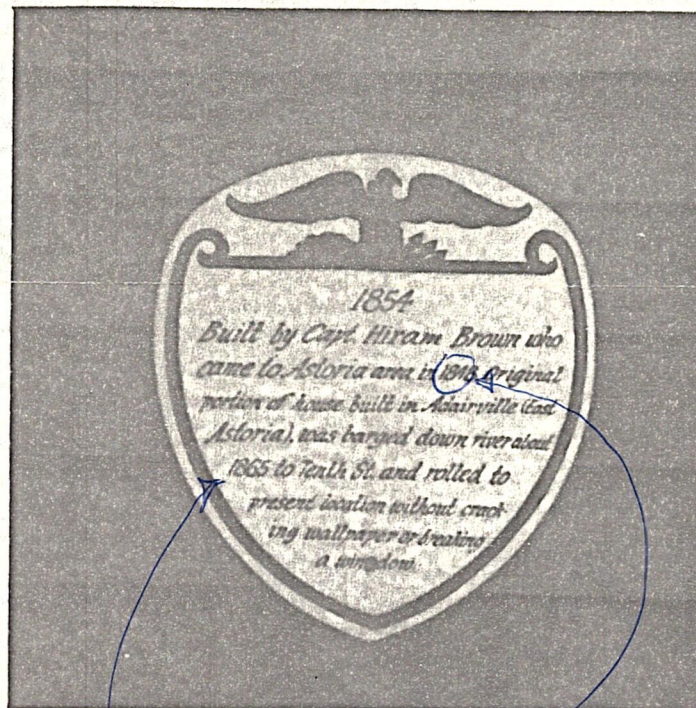
(Mrs.) Helen C. Griffith, Secretary



Please report this for me at the Nov. 18 meeting in case  
I forget to come. 11/18/74  
Bruce



The Hiram Brown House



Plaque on the side of the Brown Home  
The date 1848 is not correct; Brown came to  
Astoria in 1850. The date 1865 may be an  
error as well; Brown refers to moving the  
house in his 1862 diary, and there is no  
reference to any house-moving in the 1865  
diary.



## CLIFTON

1845

11/18/74

Stephen G. Spear, a barrel maker from Massachusetts, took up a donation land claim on this site in 1845 and his wife named their log cabin Clifton Cottage, ~~(hence the name Clifton)~~ J.W. and Vincent Cook built a salmon cannery here at the close of the civil war and a post office was established Jan. 6, 1874, with Vincent Cook as first postmaster.

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## BRADWOOD

1843

Henry Hunt brought a sawmill across the plains in 1843 on the backs of oxen and set it up at the foot of Hunt creek falls. ~~(Later sawmill operators built houses for the mill workers, among them the Bradley-Woodard Lumber Co.,)~~ from which the town took its name.

## WESTPORT

1849

John West established a trading post here in 1848 or 1849 and later added a salmon cannery, a sawmill and general store. West was named postmaster when the first postoffice was established in 1869.

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## BATTERY ELIAS SMUR

1864

A fortification was built here in 1864 from plans drawn by Vauban and was garrisoned by a company of California volunteers. The battery later became a part of Ft. Stevens, named for the territorial governor of Washington, Isaac Stevens, after he was killed during a civil war battle.

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## YOUNG HOUSE

1874

Andrew Young, a carpenter, built this house in 1874 as his residence but sold it the following year to Jens Nelson whose heirs lived there until 1972,



11/18/74

COLUMBIA BAR PILOTS

Research by Russell Dark

NAMEPlace of BirthEmployer

Alexander, Robert	Virginia	Independent
Anderson, Charles	New York	O.R. & N.
Gustaf Anderson	Sweden	Saddle Mtn.
Anderson, John	Denmark	Saddle Mtn.
Ash, Clarence	California	Saddle Mtn.
Astrup, Hagen	Denmark	U. S.
Aune, Harold		Saddle Mtn.
Bailey, Lester	Connecticut	O.W.R. & N.
Belmont, Andrew	Germany	Flavel
Brown, Hugh	Missouri	Saddle Mtn.
Bruneau, Joseph	Manitoba	Saddle Mtn.
Campbell, James. E.	Wisconsin	State
Cann, Archibald	Maine	U.S.
Carruthers, Robert	Mass.	Washington
Cathcart, Virgil	California	Saddle Mtn.
Collins, Ray	Alaska	Saddle Mtn.
Conway, George J.	California	Saddle Mtn.
Cordiner, Peter	Cape Breton	State
Corno, Paul	Maine	Independent
Craig, Frank		Saddle Mtn.
Crosby, Alfred	Mass.	Flavel
DeSassise, John F.	Oregon	Saddle Mtn.
Dickinson, Dale	Idaho	Saddle Mtn.
Doig, Thomas	Scotland	State
Dougan, William	Pennsylvania	Saddle Mtn.
Edwards, Charles	Mass.	Flavel
Erbe, George		Saddle Mtn.
Elsensohn, Robert	Oregon	Saddle Mtn.
Farnsworth, Alex	Vermont	Flavel
Faulkner, Walter	Washington	Saddle Mtn.
Ferchen, Peter	Germany	Flavel
Flavel, George	Virginia	Self
Flavel, George C.	Oregon	Flavel
Gage, John	Maine	Simpson
Geer, George	Missouri	Self
Gibson, William R.	California	Saddle Mtn.



Grassman, John	Sweden	Simpson
Gray, J.H.D	Idaho	Self
Gunderson, Charles	Norway	Simpson
Hall, William	California	Saddle Mtn.
Hammon, Alf	Norway	Saddle Mtn.
Hampson, George	At Sea	Saddle Mtn.
Hanson, Arthur		State
Hansen, Hans	Sweden	Saddle Mtn.
Harriman, Cyrus		U.S.
Harriman, Joseph		Association
Hatfield, Job	England	Hustler
Hawks, Thomas	England	Self
Hill, James	England	Simpson
Hilton, Eli	Maine	Flavel
Hirsch, Frederick	Prussia	U.S.
Howes, Richard	Mass.	O.R. & N.
Hustler, Jackson G.	New York	Self
Jerrell	Florida	Saddle Mtn.
Johnson, Charles	Mass.	State
Johnson, Eric	Sweden	O.R. & N.
Johnson, Charles	Sweden	O.R. & N.
Langkilde, August		Saddle Mtn.
Langkilde, Alvin		Saddle Mtn.
Lapping, John	Oregon	O.R. & N.
Latham, Thomas	Wales	Elmore
Lattie, Alexander	England	Hudson's Bay Co.
Leback, Vernon	Washington	Arrow
Leighton, Arthur	Conn.	State
Lofstedt, August	Sweden	O.R. & N.
Marquart, Robert	Germany	Saddle Mtn.
Mathews, Henry	Maine	State
McAlpin, Kenneth	Washington	Saddle Mtn.
McVicar, Daniel	Cape Breton	State
Metzger, William	New York	Flavel
Nielsen, Anton	Sweden	Puget Sound Tug
Nolan, Michael	Ireland	U.S.
Olsen, Chris	Sweden	Flavel



### 3-COLUMBIA BAR PILOTS

Research by Russell Park

Parker, Karl P.	Maine	Saddle Mtn.
Parsons, Edward	Kentucky	O.R. & N.
Pease, George	New York	Portland Tugboat
Plumlee, J.W.	Idaho	Saddle Mtn.
Quinn, Edgar	New York	Saddle Mtn.
Randall, Samuel	Mass.	Simpson
Rankin, Oliver P.	Oregon	Association
Reed, John	New York	U.S. & Simpson
Reed, Charles	New York	Saddle Mtn.
Rideenour, Walter	Washington	Saddle Mtn.
Rogers, Moses	Mass.	Corno
Sanders, Charles	Sweden	U.S. & Simpson
Schroeder, Harvey	Illinois	Saddle Mtn.
Sherman, Fred	New York	Flavel
Simpson, Asa	Maine	Self
Staples George	Maine	Simpson
Staples, Max D.	Maine	State
Stroup, James	Maryland	Saddle Mtn.
Swanson, Renart	Sweden	U.S.
Tatton, James	Maine	State
Wass, Andrew	Maine	Flavel
Welch, Dan	Oregon	Independent
Williamson, Richard <del>xxx</del>	Canal Zone	Saddle Mtn.
Wood, George	Mass.	State
Wood, Kenneth P.T.	Scotland	Association

Wright, Thomas	Scotland	State
Wright, William	Pennsylvania	State
Wright, Charles	Mass.	Flavel
Wright, George		Saddle Mtn.
Wright, Robert	Oregon	Saddle Mtn.
Wright, Alex	Vermont	Flavel
Wright, Walter	Washington	Saddle Mtn.
Wright, Peter	Germany	Flavel
Wright, George	Virginia	Self
Wright, George G.	Oregon	Flavel
Wright, John	Maine	Simpson
Wright, George	Missouri	Self
Wright, William R.	California	Self



CLATSOP COUNTY HISTORICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

DECEMBER 16, 1974

The Clatsop County Historical Advisory Committee meeting convened at 7:30 P. M. in the office of the Board of County Commissioners, Court House, Astoria, Oregon. Meeting called to order by the Chairman, Russell Dark.

Present were:

Russell Dark  
Hiram C. Johnson  
Bill Foster  
Fred Andrus  
Arthur Dempsie  
Carl Labiske  
Clarence Sigurdson  
George Fulton.  
Helen C. Griffith

Also present were: Dick Thompson of Astoria Granite Works, Mrs. Russell Dark, and Phillipa Mardesich,

Leonard Bjornstrom and Steve Jackson attended the meeting for the purpose of writing a paper for their Modern Problems Class in High School.

There being no corrections or additions to the minutes, they stand approved as presented.

Chairman Russell Dark presented the original Order on the organization of the Advisory Committee to the members. The Miscellaneous item was especially brought to the attention of the members.

Chairman Russell Dark mentioned gathering all marker information for houses and reporting on them when finished.

Phillipa Mardesich reported on the Decal markers for the houses. The committee is checking with the Astorian Printing Company regarding this matter. Will also check with Arvid Wuonola. The committee, Mrs. Mardesich said, had decided that a plastic type facing would be better and they are looking into this type of marker, which would be more practical for this part of the country.

Clarence Sigurdson said he had contacted Mr. Ludwig, who now owns the Alex Gilbert home in Seaside. The home has been fixed up and when Clarence asked about the possibility of a marker being put on the house, they were happy to accept such a marker.

Chairman Russell Dark brought up the matter of the marker to mark the spot where the 4 counties come together, and presented Dick Thompson. Mr. Thompson said he would be happy to work with the committee. It is hard to come up with a dollar figure, but Mr. Thompson feels that something could be worked out. Chairman Russell Dark said he had talked with Dennis and Dick Thompson about such a marker. Dennis Thompson felt a flat stone marker would be good, but if the exact corner is 200 feet off the highway then another type marker might be practical. There is a tentative date of January 16, 1975, for a visit from Dave Talbot of the Start Parks Department, and Commissioner Hiram Johnson says he will discuss the matter with him



at that time.

Dick Thompson says whatever we do, if we do something, it should be on a permanent basis rather than something that needs to be repaired or repainted every couple years. There is a survey marker out there now.

Chairman Russell Dark says the matter of the 4 corner marker should be tabled until January 16, when Mr. Talbot plans to be here. The four counties are Clatsop, Columbia, Washington, and Tillamook.

Bruce Berney of the Clatsop County Historical Society was not present this evening to report on the Olney placque.

Chairman Russell Dark reported on the Military Road. In 1921 Saddle Mountain Logging Company opened it up for use. W. B. Brayton was one of owners.

Carl Labiske talked about Fitcha Trail. It took off right at the intersection where Trullinger railroad crossed the military road, or it was at the top of the hill. Palmer Logging Road was in the general area.

Chairman Russell Dark says should be a more permanent marker placed on the military road than the old wooden sign.

Carl Labiske wondered where the Military Road crossed highway 202. Russell Dark says there is a map in the Road Department office showing the exact crossing. An old Baptist minister used this road in 1895 and then it was used to carry the mail. The Military Road terminated at Forest Grove and began in Astoria.

Letters had been received from the state agencies where they suggest the military road be preserved, if possible, for possible use as hiking or bike trails. There should be a marker at 37th and Leif Erickson Drive, as the entrance into Astoria.

Arthur Dempsie had heard about a line run clear through the hill to the pipe line road. Mr. Dempsie wanted to know if it is fact or fiction. George Fulton says one end of this pipe line is right across from George Abrahamson's home and the end is on the pipe line road. George Fulton says he has seen pieces of it up on the hill.

Bill Foster says behind the Community College they tunneled through the hill because he had seen it when he was a child.

Arthur Dempsie asked if there were any abandoned old donkeys sitting out in the woods and just rusting.

Dick Thompson mentioned the old donkey, about six miles above Salmonberry. Also there are 138 bunks intact; no one had disturbed anything. The fire missed two of the buildings. The trestles are still there.

Chairman Russell Dark ran on to the original charter and constitution and by-laws of the Fishermen's Union, finding out they were 11 years older than they thought. 53 men signed the original charter. The original name was Columbia River



Beneficial Fishermen's Society and they met in the old Foard and Stokes building.

Chairman Russell Dark said we should mark the old Foard and Stokes building, which is the old building just West of the Gyro Field.

Mr. Dark asked if anyone knew the exact location of the old Indian Village on Tansy Point. Mr. Dark said that from the Lewis and Clark Journal, he figured it should be where that curve is located at the Warrenton City Limits. It is on the Carruthers property.

Chairman Russell Dark says that the State of Oregon is putting a sign up at Clarke's View Point. Boys from the work camp are supposed to come up from Tillamook to cut through the trail.

Mrs. Alma Ahrens lived in the old Eckstrom home. The home was built earlier than 1870, for the Eckstroms lived there then and Mrs. Ahrens still lives there.

It was mentioned that there should be a marker at the site of the Solomon Smith home. He was Clatsop County's first school teacher. The old Methodist Mission should be re-marked. One of Mr. Smith's sons became angry one day and took all his father's records and burned them.

George Fulton asked about marking the City of Lexington, which was the first county seat. This was located at the crossroads near the Crab Pot.

Bill Foster says, when a discussion was held concerning the inactivity of some of the active members of the Advisory Committee, that we should amend the by-laws by saying if the members miss three meetings they should be dropped. George Fulton said this is not possible for the members are appointed by the Board of Commissioners to serve until further order of the Board.

Arthur Dempsie told about the town of Frankfort in Washington. He said there is a road built in there now. It is occupied by hippies and they have been tearing everything down looking for artifacts.

The secretary was instructed to check back in the minutes, gather the names which have been approved for membership on this committee, and make a new order appointing said people to the Advisory Committee.

There was a discussion on the ship, Concord. It was supposed to have been used as a quarantine ship, but was not used for this purpose for some reason. It was scrapped at Pier 3, Astoria, to get the metal out of it. The T. J. Potter was also mentioned. These ships were stripped for the various valuable items, such as furniture. These items can be found in many homes in this area.

Carl Labiske asked about the ship that was dumped up further. No one seemed to know anything about it. Mr. Labiske said the articles he has read on the T. J. Potter put it in this place, but others said there were four such ships and must have been one of the others.



Carl Labiske asked about the old Enola Hughes home, for he felt this was not the original.

George Fulton asked about who had the authority for placing markers on the houses.

Dick Thompson said the city is in the final session of refurbishing the interior of the Astoria Column. Mr. Thompson says the money was authorized for the final amount of work. Mr. Thompson explained that one funding from Bi-Centennial is for \$4,000 but felt the government funding effort would be about \$16,000.

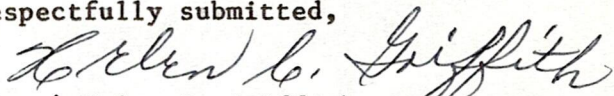
Chairman Russell Dark asked about the marker out at the "Y". Dick Thompson said that Mr. Deskin Burgey had been responsible for seeing to the placing of this marker.

One of the members asked about Shark Rock's whereabouts, and was informed that Shark Rock is in the basement of the Maritime Museum because people had been chipping pieces off of it. The Bow Sprit of the Peter Iredale is located at the city shops.

Arthur Dempsie talked about the trees which have grown up, cutting off the view from the top of the city park, up off the Park Road. Dick Thompson says we just can't cut anything down in this area any more.

There being no further business to come before the Advisory Committee at this time, the meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

  
(Mrs.) Helen C. Griffith, Secretary